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Believe the Promiſes, ſo ſhall you proſper.

By believing and applying the Promiſes, we come to participate of the Divine Nature.

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2 Pet. 1. 4. *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious Promiſes, that by theſe we might be partakers of the Divine Nature.*

2 Cor. 7. 1. *Having therefore theſe Promiſes (dearly beloved) let us cleanſe our ſelves from all filthineſs of the fleſh and ſpirit, perfecting holineſs in the fear of God.*

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TO THE

Right Honourable and happy Society

OF ALL

TRUE BELIEVERS

Militant, in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*:

A Friend to you and the Author wisheth fulness of Grace, Peace, and heavenly comfort, certain assurance, sealed evidence, and seasonable entrance into, and possession of the Cœlestial, promised, incorruptible, undefiled, and never-fading inheritance.

BEloved BELIEVERS, both you and I are infinitely beholden to our ever-living Father,

who hath made his Will, and given all us his children great Wealth, rich portions, and large Legacies, now in present possession; graces, and comforts, in unshaken expectation; and in assured reversion, perfection and eternal glory. We are greatly beholden to *Jehovah* for his Will directory, hortatory, correctory; but most of all for his Will Consolatory: In which he salves all our sores; physicks all our sicknesses; medicines all our maladies; *Psal.* 103. 4. heals all our diseases, and crowns us with loving-kindness and tender mer-

mercies. And surely, we are all of us much beholden to the holy Author of this sweet (though little) Book, who hath so piously, painfully, and profitably perused the holy Will of our Heavenly Father, and wisely sought, and found out, and put into our hands, the spiritual Portion, and Soul-Legacies, given and bequeathed unto us by our best Friend; many of which, most scarce knew of, few sought and sued for them, and very few comfortably enjoyed, and wisely and diligently used to the Donor's glory, and their own

good. Careleſs children come oftentimes to be beholden unto their more careful brethren, and thriving friends, who ſave all they have, ſue for all that is promiſed, and ſeek for all they hear of: ſo it is here, we careleſs, negligent, poor and ill-thriven Chriſtians, muſt be beholding to this careful, diligent, rich, and well-thriven Author, who obeys *Paul's* counſel, 1 *Cor.* 12.31, covets earneſtly the beſt gifts, and will not ſuffer the Heavenly Father to purſe and keep a peny that is due, to with-hold grace or comfort (which he

hath promised) in whole, or degree, but he shall hear of his promise, and if he do not presently fulfill it according to Covenant, a Petition is speedily drawn to be preferred in the Court of Heaven, and an Advocate prepared, Jesus Christ the righteous, 1 *Joh.* 2. 1. A suit by Prayer begun, and in an eager pursuit continued, till the thing promised be performed.

This little Book, and private practice of the Author (who hath sued for all these Legacies, and in some good measure hath attained the same, and thereby is become

ſpiritually rich) will ſufficiently prove what I have ſpoken. We are much beholden to this Author, for letting us ſee our portions and Legacies in our Fathers Will, and ſetting us a-work both by pen and practice to ſue for the ſame.

The volume is little, but the vertue contained in the ſame is great. The Book is extraordinary, being altogether for application and practice. The ſcope and drift of it is, to furniſh Believers with abundance of good; to free them from all ſins inward, outward, ſecret and open;

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to fill them with all graces in life, power, and exercise; to bring them comfort in, and seasonable deliverance from all their troubles; to draw down upon their souls and bodies abundance of blessings of all sorts and natures; to give them full assurance of certain and seasonable entrance into glory; and to give them fast hold of Heaven.

There are many, I know, that will little regard it: the prophane person will not like it, for it is full of holiness: the carnal Protestant will not discern it, nor relish

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it, for it is spiritual: the dissembling Hypocrite will not well approve of it; for it will rob him of his *Rimmon*, slay his Mistress, his *Dalilah*, his *Herodias*, his darling-sin; it will tell him, if he applies promises, he must keep the conditions, obey precepts, and put every iniquity, though never so pleasurable or profitable, far away from his Tabernacle. But the honest-hearted and sincere Believer, will approve of it, prize it, use it, and profit by it.

And not to over-commend my commodity, as one desirous to make it more vendible,

ble, and saleable (for neither
, nor its Author, God is wit-
ness, aim at any such thing,
but at the spiritual good of
their souls unto whom it shall
come), this little Book, like
a well-filled little Apotheca-
caries shop, contains within
it heavenly Receipts of all
sorts, wholsome Physick of
every kind, for expelling and
curing all sorts of diseases
and sicknesses incident to
Saints; and for the corrobo-
rating and strengthning of
new nature, and for keeping
the spiritual man in good
health, lusty and strong, able
for Gods service, *Phil.* 2. 12.

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and for working out his own salvation with fear and trembling. What here I speak unto one Believer, I intend for all.

Hath sin, that deadly poyson, infected thee? Lo, here in this little Book, an Antidote, a Preservative, which will extract and expel this poyson. Hath the Serpent so fiery, stung thee? *Numb.* 21. 8. Lo here the *Brazen Serpent* upon the pole. Hath it beggar'd and undone thee? *Joh.* 3. 14, 15. Behold a way in this Book how thou mayst become rich. Doth it daily trouble thee? will it needs

needs tyrannize and domineer over thee? This little Book will learn thee to depose this tyrant, *Rom.* 6. 14. and tell thee, He shall not have dominion and Lordship over thee. Hath it stricken thee dead? Lo here's means of reviving and enliv'ning thee to an happy life of grace. Doth it threaten thy ruin? Lo, here is physick for thy fears: 1 *Cor.* 15. 55. death hath lost its sting, sin is destroyed; death shall fully and finally free thee from it. Art thou hunted like a poor Lamb by the hellish devouring Lion Satan, and chased be-

before this infernal Dog, like a silly Deer, in temptations? Lo, here a thicket, a shelter, a shepherd, under which thou mayest repose and rest thy self in safety. Art thou overcome with his wily stratagems? Lo, here's wisdom. Art thou beaten down with his power? Lo, here's strength. Feareſt thou the fiery darts of this evil one? Lo, here's a little house full of targets, shields, and bucklers, *Eph.* 6. 16. (promises applied by faith) which will repel and quench them, *Job* 6. 4. Do Gods terrors set themselves in array against thee? are Gods

arrows

arrows in thee? doth his flaming wrath burn in thy bosom, and is likely to consume thee? Lo, streams of mercy and grace from a refreshing fountain fluent in the pipes of the promises; by thy hand of faith turn the cock, and the cool water of Gods grace and mercy shall flow forth upon thy soul, and allay its burning heat, and inflamations. Doth the wily world endeavour to intangle and inveagle thee by its lures and snares? Lo here liberty, freedom, better things propounded & promised, which Believers do for the present

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in ſome meaſure enjoy, and ſhall have a moſt certain and full poſſeſſion of, afterward. Wanteſt thou Grace, comfort, deliverance, bleſſing, or any good thing? Behold, here thou mayſt have them, to the great joy of thine heart, and content of thy ſpirit.

Set Faith a work to draw out what thou wanteſt, and thou ſhalt have it. Suck theſe ſweet and Heavenly breaſts of God by the mouth of thy faith; open theſe pipes and veins of the Promiſes, which run ſo full of mercy, grace, truth, comfort, joy and peace,

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for every Believer, by faith; and thou ſhalt be ſatiate with every good thing.

Leſt I ſhould make too great a porch for this little houſe, and too great gates for this little City, I will conclude with an exhortation to all my beloved Brethren and Siſters which are Believers, to perfect their Faith by application of the Promiſes, both of theſe in this ſweet little Book, and of all others contained in the Old and New Teſtament.

Suffer not Gods Promiſes (as I may ſay) to milk themſelves; do you draw them;

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let not good reft with God which you may have by believing and begging, to your great comfort and enriching but take Gods commodities off his hand; trade with that wealthy Merchant in the far Country, the Lord Jesus in Heaven, for his rich commodities of Graces, and comforts, and glorious hopes, until you be rich and wealthy; and for this purpose cause those two good Factors, *Faith* and *Prayer*, founded upon, and quickned, and confirmed by the precious Promises, alway to trade for you in Heaven, until you come thi-

thither your selves. I would desire all Believers to make this their Pocket-book, that it may solicite and woo them to Prayer, make solid and firm their Faith, increase their Graces, Comforts, and Heavenly hopes; prepare them for enduring the storms of trouble and tempests of temptations, and may encourage them in holy well-doing, and Christian perseverance unto the end, *Heb.* 6. 12. Now Brethren, my hearts desire is, that ye be not slothful, but followers of them, who through Faith and Patience inherit the Promises.

That

That you may be inheritors of them, it shall be my daily Prayer unto the Lord my God, to bestow upon your hearts to use all good means for the attaining of the good in these and other Promises of God unto his people: that he would teach and enable you to meditate upon them diligently day and night; to believe them firmly; to apply them severally, particularly, personally; to sue for them earnestly by Prayer constant and fervent; to wait for their promised accomplishment by patience; that so you may enjoy the

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good of them here and hereafter: Which God in mercy grant unto me, and also unto you, *Amen.*

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MAN, which at the beginning was created happy, *Gen.* 1. 26. *Eph.* 2. 10. having now lost God and his Image, is of all earthly creatures become most miserable, no less than a slave of the devil, a child of wrath, and an heir of eternal damnation, *Eph.* 2. 2, 3. This is not the estate of a few only, but of all mankind out of Christ; for we are all by nature under the curse, 2 *Cor.* 4. 4. *Rom.* 5. 19. *Gal.* 3. 10. The best, before their conversion, were by nature children of wrath, even as others, *Ephes.* 2. 3. *Rom.* 5. 12. for every womans child did fall equally in *Adam*: hence it comes to pass, that no man by nature is now in better esteem with God, than other. *Cain* and *Abel*, as children

of the first *Adam* only, were e
qually miserable; the like ma
be said of us all: for both Jew
and Gentiles are come under sin
Rom. 3. 9. and as the *Psalmi*
saith, *We all are gone out of th*
way, we are altogether become filthy
there is none righteous, no not one
Psal. 14. 3. O that men and wo
men had their eyes enlightned, and
judgments convinced of that wo
ful plight in which naturally they
are! Oh! were their hearts through
ly loaden therewith, surely they
would not long content them
selves therein. The truth is, mos
in the world are spiritually blind
and cannot discern their own mi
sery; and spiritually dead too,
1 *Joh.* 5. 25. *Eph.* 2. 1, 5. and cannot
be affected with it. The Holy
Ghost saith thus of them, *Eph.* 4.
18, 19. *They walk in the vanity of*

their mind, having their understanding darkned, and are strangers from the life of God, through the ignorance which is in them, because of the hardneſs of their hearts: who being paſt feeling, have given themſelves unto wantonneſs, to work all uncleannes with greedineſs. Such as theſe, are ſo far from having any right to God's Promiſes, that for the preſent they are under the curſe, and conſequently in the dint of all the Plagues and threatnings in Gods book, *Deut.* 27. *ult. Deut.* 28. 50, 63. Wherefore let not ſuch as yet, challenge any comfort from the Promiſes, but let them rather labour to the uttermoſt of their power, in uſing all good means to be made capable and fit ſubjects for mercy revealed in the Promiſes. Is it not pity ſo many

ſweet Promiſes of life ſhould b
made, and yet thou die and b
damned notwithſtanding? Pra
fervently to God that he would
touch thy heart with grief for all
thy ſins, and work in thee a clear
apprehenſion of thine own unwor-
thineſs, *Act.* 2.37. *Luk.* 15.19. and
that he would beſtow Faith on
thee, that by it thou maiſt be able
to go wholly out of thy ſelf to God
through Jeſus Chriſt for ſalvation.

We having departed from him,
who is the God of all grace and
conſolation, are faln into an eſtate
of all baſeneſs, deſolation, and mi-
ſery; and cannot be recovered a-
gain into the former eſtate of ſpi-
ritual life, and happineſs, unleſs
we be brought again to him who
is the foundation of life and hap-
pineſs, even the living God; and
brought to him we can never be,

but by faith, *Heb.* 11. 6. which is nothing else but the going out of the soul to God through Christ, to fetch a new principle of spiritual life, and grace, which ouce in *Adam* we lost, and now need. The which work of Faith is not wrought but by the Promises; and being wrought in our hearts, gives us a most sure right and interest *unto all the promises of grace*, Rom. 10. 8, 17. Heb. 6. 12, 17. Thus we through faith and patience, are said to inherit the Promises, therefore we are called the heirs of the Promise: the Promises are as well ours, who truly believe, as Heaven it self is. Now by these Heavenly Promises, God our Father hath engaged himself as a debtor to us his poor children for all things needful to life and godliness, 2 *Pet.* 1. 3. until that blessed

time comes when we ſhall be put into full poſſeſſion of all things which we have now only in promiſe: At that time *Faith* ſhall end in fruition, and *Promiſes* in performance. As the ſoul is the life of the body, and faith the life of the ſoul; ſo are Gods Promiſes the life of faith. For, from whence hath faith its efficacy, but becauſe it lays hold on the free Promiſes? but from whence have the Promiſes their ſtrength? even from the conſtant nature of *Jehovah*, 2 *Cor.* 1. 20. who always gives a Being to his Word. Deſireſt thou faith? then take notice of Gods Promiſes: wouldſt thou have thy faith, like the light in the Lords Sanctuary, never to go out? then acquaint thy ſelf with Gods Promiſes, know them well, meditate on them, confer about them, let them

them be continually in thy mind, memory, heart, and tongue. Satan laboureth in nothing more, than to keep us in unbelief, especially of particular Promises: for he knows if we believe them, we shall in all things have the victory, come before God with boldness, carry peace in our own bosoms to our graves, and do and suffer any thing for God, 1 *Joh.* 5. *Eph.* 2. *Rom.* 15. *Heb.* 11. Oh the abundance of sweet cordial-comforts, which all humble Believers draw by faith out of every promise! Now beloved, these precious Promises (our breasts of consolation) whereupon our happiness so much depends, lie hid in the holy Scripture as veins of Gold in the earth, *Isa.* 66. 11, 12. Surely those that search those Mines to bring to light these treasures, are worthy

of great commendation. Wherefore, I doubt not but the good pains of this bleſſed and faithful ſervant of God will find good entertainment of all the children of the Promiſes, that hope to entertain them, who hath with great care and good evidence of ſpiritual underſtanding diſcovered and compiled the variety and uſe of all the Promiſes in matters temporal, ſpiritual, and eternal. So that here is a medicine for every diſeaſe, and a ſalve for every ſore. Read them carefully, and ponder them ſeriouſly, and apply them faithfully. And I beſeech the good Lord, who is the Author of them, that by his holy Spirit he would make them powerful and effectual in us.

Conſider what is ſaid, and the Lord give us underſtanding in all things, 2 Tim. 2. 7.

Rules

RULES
To be observed in *Reading* of
PROMISES.

WHatsoever Promise is made in general, to all the faithful, every one must particularly apply it to themselves: as Gen. 3. 14, *the Messiah is promised to all, every one must apply him to themselves.*

2. *Whatsoever Promise is made to any one of the faithful (if there be not some particular reason which tyes it to his person, as was to* Abraham *for a son, and his seed to inherit the land of Canaan) every child of God hath right to it: as you may see,* Josh. 1. 5. I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. *This every one*

may apply to themselvs, as we know the Holy Ghost applys it, Heb. 13.5. For he hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. *Which teacheth us to do the like in all the rest of the Promises.*

3. *Under temporal Promises to the Jews, are set forth the excellent promised Graces, which God will give to his people after the coming of Christ,* Ezek. 34.25,26,27.

4. *When we read the conditions of the Promises, they are not like to the duties of the Law, made to the perfect fulfillers of them; the Promises are Evangelical, made to those which endeavour to keep them, and the main condition of them is faith.*

5. *In all the Promises for increase of grace, or means of grace, or for any earthly things, we must know we shall have them so far performed to us, as the Lord seeth good for us.*

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6. *In our weak endeavouring to keep the Promiſes, we muſt believe the performance to us, in, by, and through Chriſt*; In whom all the promiſes of God are Yea, and Amen; *that is, as I conceive, confirmed and made good to us in him*, 2 Cor. 2. 20. *When we can ſee nothing in our ſelves, why they ſhould be performed to us, even then we are to claim them for Chriſts ſake, if thou be in Chriſt: for if thou be not in him, no promiſe belongs to thee: but that threatning and judgments are thy portion, and nothing elſe can we claim, as our due. Sorrow, weeping, and howling, is that which God requireth of us, and not laying hand upon the comfortable Promiſes, till we hunger after Chriſt*; *which God grant we may do more and more, till we come to be ſatisfied with his Image in the life to come.* Pſal. 17. 15.

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These Promises I have observed for Spiritual things.

The I. LEGACY.

If we find nothing in our selves that may move God.

WHen we find nothing in our selves that might move the Lord to have mercy, then apply these Promises, *Isa.* 43.25, *I, even I, am he, that blotteth out thy transgressions for*

for mine own ſake, and will not remem
thy ſins, Iſa. 44. 22. *I have blotted out*
a thick cloud, thy tranſgreſſions, and a
cloud thy ſins: return unto me, for I ha
redeemed thee.

Jer. 31. 14. *I will forgive their iniqui*
and remember their ſin no more.

Ezek. 36. 25. *I will ſprinkle clean wa*
upon you, and ye ſhall be clean from
your filthineſs.

Iſa. 57. 18. *I have ſeen his ways, a*
will heal him; I will lead him alſo, and
ſtore comforts unto him, and to his mo
ners.

Theſe Promiſes are free, made by t
Lord, not for any thing that is in ma
as you may ſee in *Iſaiah* 43, from the
verſ. to the 25. for the Lord ſaith, th
had not called upon him, but weari
the Lord, brought him no offering, ye
wearied him with their ſin; and yet
the 25 verſ. he ſaith, *For his own ſake*
would forgive their ſins.

Theſe Promiſes we ſhall have alwa
need of; as at our converſion, ſo afte
wards many times we ſhall in our ow
feeling find nothing in our ſelves to pe

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ade us of the pardon of our ſins: then
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hen thou ſeeſt nothing in thy ſelf
hy the Lord ſhould pardon thy ſins,
d therefore doubteſt of the pardon of
em, apply, *I am he that puts away thy*
s for mine own ſake.

When thy ſins riſe up as a cloud that
ou canſt ſee nothing but them, apply,
have put away thy ſins as a cloud.

When thou feareſt the multitude of
y ſins, apply, *You ſhall be clean from all*
ur ſins.

The II. LEGACY.

If we fear God will remember our ſins, to puniſh them.

WHen we fear God will remember our ſins before committed, to uniſh us for them, apply *Jer.* 31 34, *I ill remember his ſin no more.*

Ezek. 18.22, *His tranſgreſſions which e hath committed ſhall not be mentioned to him,*

him, but in the righteousnes which he hath done shall he live.

Ezek. 33. 16. *None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned to him.*

The III. LEGACY.

If often sinning cause thee to doubt of pardon.

WHen thine often sinning causeth thee to fear that God will not pardon thee, apply, *Job* 33. 27, 28, 29. *He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profiteth me not: he will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.* Lo, all these things work with God, oftentimes with Man. Wherefore believe not Satan that perswades the contrary, nor let thy corruptions make thee bold to presume of pardon; for though God promise pardon, yet it is to the penitent, not to the presumptuous, as *ver.* 27.

The IV. LEGACY.

If thou despair.

WHen thou art at the pits-brink of despair, and art dried up with sorrow, then go to some faithful Preacher that is able to preach Christ unto thee, and apply these promises: *Job* 33. 24, 25, 26.

Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit, I have found a ransome. His flesh shall be fresher than a childs, he shall return to the days of his youth. He shall pray unto God, and he shall be favourable unto him, and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.

Isa. 57. 19. *I create the fruit of the lips, peace, peace, unto him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord, and I will heal him.*

When thou comest to the uttermost extremity for sin, apply, *I will have mercy on him, and deliver him that he go not down to the pit.*

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When thou feareſt that God or h
Miniſters will not ſpeak peace unto the
apply, *I have received a reconciliation,*
create the fruit of the lips to be peace
them that are far off, and to them that
near.

When thy ſorrows have withere
thee up, apply, *He ſhall return as in*
days of his youth, and his fleſh ſhall
as the fleſh of a child.

If in this eſtate thou feareſt God w
not hear prayers for thee, apply,
ſhall pray to God, and he will be favo
able to him.

When thou feareſt thou ſhalt not
able to look upon the Lord with jo
apply, *He ſhall ſee his face with joy.*

When thou ſeeſt not any thing
thy ſelf, that ſhould cauſe thee
believe this, apply, *He will render*
man his righteouſneſs; which is (I thin
Chriſts righteouſneſs, for whoſe ſake
will do it.

The V. LEGACY.

Thou findeſt ſin an heavy burden, and Satan purſuing.

WHen thou feeleſt ſin an heavy burthen, and Satan purſuing ee with many fears by reaſon of the me, flie to Chriſt, and apply, *Mat.* 1.28, 29. *Come unto me all ye that la- ur and are heavy laden, and I will give reſt.* Mat. 1. 21. *He ſhall ſave his ple from their ſins.* Rom. 6.20. *And the God of peace ſhall uiſe Satan under your feet ſhortly.* Iſa. 2. 3. *And a man ſhall be as a hiding ace from the wind, and a covert from the mpeſt, as rivers of waters in a dry place, the ſhadow of a great rock in a weary nd.* Thus doth Chriſt to the ſoul that es to him.

If Satan purſue thee, apply, *He is an ding place.*

If ſtorms of temptations and afflicti- s do ariſe, apply, *He is a refuge againſt tempeſt.*

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If thy ſoul be ready to faint throu weakneſs, apply, *He is a river of water a dry place,* to revive thy ſpirits, and the ſhadow of a great rock under whic thou mayeſt ſafely repoſe thy ſelf. Whe thou findeſt thy ſins very heavy, apply *I will eaſe you.*

When thou haſt no reſt in thy ſou becauſe of ſin, apply, *You ſhall find reſt your ſouls.* He ſhall ſave his people fro their ſins: both from the puniſhment an the power.

If thou feareſt length of time in temp tations, apply, *The God of peace ſha bruiſe Satan under your feet ſhortly.*

The VI. LEGACY.

If thou turn from ſin, and yet doubt of Pardon.

WHen thou turneſt from ſin, and doubteſt of the pardon of it, ap ply *Iſa.* 1. 18. *Though your ſins be a ſcarlet, they ſhall be as white as ſnow*

though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Isa. 55. 7. *Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy on him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

Micah 7. 18, 19. *Who is a God like unto thee, who pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgressions of the remnant of his heritage? He retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us, he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.*

Prov. 21. 13. *He that confesseth and forsaketh his sins shall find mercy.*

1 Joh. 1. 9. *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

When thou feelst thy soul of a sinful colour, apply, *Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as white as wool.*

If thou feareſt God will hardly be intreated, apply, *He will have mercy, for he is ready to forgive.*

If

If we fear that our sins have take such strong hold upon us, as we shall never get from them, apply, *He will cleanse us from all our unrighteousness.* Seeing God promiseth to be the cleanser, fear not the hardness of the work.

The VII. LEGACY.

If thou wouldst have thy manifold rebellion subdued.

When thou feelest many rebellions in thine heart and life, and wouldst have them not only pardoned, but subdued, apply *Hos.* 14. 5. *I will heal their back-slidings.* Which promise (as I think) contains thus much, that God will not only pardon, but heal us; and instead of rebellious hearts and lives, will give us obedient hearts and lives. For as healing followeth the curing of sickness: so obedience doth the curing of rebellion. Mic. 7. 19. *He will subdue our iniquities.*

When thou feelest sin very strong, flie to this promise, and apply the strength

of him that promiseth, against the strength of sin: it is the Lord that hath promised to subdue it; what though sin and Satan joyn their force together, yet the Lord is stronger than all their force, we need not doubt.

The VIII. LEGACY.

If thy heart be hard and full of corruption.

WHen thou feelest thine heart hard, and full of corruption, apply, Ezek. 36. 26. *A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, & I will give you an heart of flesh.* Deut. 30. 6. *And the Lord thy God will circumcise thy heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.*

When thou feelest thine heart worldly, carnal, apply, *I will circumcise thy heart:*

heart: A new heart will I give thee.

When nothing will break thine heart, apply the power of *Jehovah*, that hath promised to cure thee, in taking away thy stony heart.

The IX. LEGACY.

If unbridled nature break out into passion.

WHen thou canst not bridle nature, but it breaks forth into violent passions, to contention, apply *Isa.* 11.6. *The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.* Such shall be the power of the Gospel, that those which are by nature like wvolves and devouring beasts, shall dwell very peaceably: and if vve find our nature such, vve must apply, *The wolf shall dwell with the lamb.*

Micah. 7.19. *He will subdue our iniquities,*

ties, and will cast all our sins into the depth of the sea: that which is cast into the Sea, as it appeareth not in sight, so we cannot get it again, though we would: so will God do by our sins, cast them out of his sight, so as we shall not return to them any more: press him with his promise, and you shall find more than you think.

The X. LEGACY.

If thou be in bondage to some sin.

WHen thou feelest thy self in bondage to some sin, apply, *Joh.* 8. 32. *You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

Rom. 6. 14. *Sin shall not have dominion over you.*

When thou feelest thy bondage, that thou canst not do good, or keep thy self from evil; apply, *The truth shall make you free.*

If thy sins often prevail against thee, apply, *Sin shall not have dominion over you.*

Psal. 130. 8. *He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

The XI. LEGACY.

If thou feareſt the breaking out of ſtrong ſins.

WHen thou feeleſt ſome ſin ſtrong in thee, that thou feareſt it will break out to Gods diſhonour, and the blemiſhing of Religion, apply, 1 *Thes.* 5. 23, 24. *That your whole ſpirit ſoul and body may be preſerved blameleſs unto the coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Faithful is he that calleth you, who alſo will do it.* That God which hath called thee will keep thee blameleſs unto the coming of Chriſt: therefore uſe the means, and reſt upon the Lords faithfulneſs, which never faileth them which truſt in him. 2 *Thes.* 3. 3. *But the Lord is faithful who ſhall ſtabliſh you and keep you from evil.*

1 Joh. 1. 9. *If we confeſs our ſins, he is faithful and juſt to forgive us our ſins, and*

to cleanse us from all unrighteousnes. By cleansing (as I think) is meant not only from the guilt of sin, but the power of it, that the filthiness of it shall not appear in our lives and conversations. When sin pursues thee hard to make thee fall, do thou pursue the Lord with prayers for performance of this promise, and doubt not of the issue.

Micah 7.19. *He will subdue our iniquities.* And to these add the prayer of Christ, *Joh.* 17. 15. *I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.* Now what greater evil than sin? therefore, though thy prayers be but weak against it, yet he hath prayed that was alway heard; therefore fight, and be sure of victory.

The XII. LEGACY.

When thou art ſtayed from ſin by Admonition.

WHen thou art ſtay'd from ſin b admonition, apply, *Ezek.* 3.21 *If thou warn the righteous man, that th righteous ſin not, and he doth not ſin, h ſhall ſurely live, becauſe he is warned.*

When any admoniſh thee, obey, an it ſhall be life to thy ſoul; therefore re ceive the admonition, and apply, *He ſha live, becauſe he is admoniſhed.*

The XIII. LEGACY.

If thou feareſt God will deſtroy thee for ſin.

IF thou feareſt God will deſtroy thee for thy ſins, apply, *Ezek.* 18.30. *Turn your ſelves from all your tranſgreſſions, ſo iniquity ſhall not be your ruin.*

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Mat. 1. 21. *He ſhall ſave his people from their ſins.*

When thou feareſt the greatneſs or multitude of thy ſins will be thy deſtruction, apply, *Iniquity ſhall not be your ruin.*

When thou ſeeſt no means of ſafety, apply, *He* (that is, Chriſt) *ſhall ſave his people from their ſins.*

The XIV. LEGACY.

If thou be tempted to uncleanneſs.

IF thou be tempted to uncleanneſs, apply, *Prov. 2. 16. He ſhall deliver thee from the ſtrange woman.*

1 Theſ. 5. 24. *Thy body ſhall be kept blameleſs until the coming of Chriſt.*

The XV. LEGACY.

If thou canst not find out thy sin for which God corrects thee.

IF thou canst not find out thy sin for which God correcteth thee, apply Job 36. 9. *If they be tyed with the cords of affliction, then will I shew them their work and their sins.*

A wise Father will not correct his child, but he will shew him wherefore: how else should he amend his fault? much more will the Lord. But we enjoy not many Promises, because we sue not for them.

Thus far about Sin: the next about Grace.

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The XVI. LEGACY.

If thou doubt of Salvation.

IN doubt of Salvation, apply, *God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life*, Joh. 3. 16.

Joh. 5. 24. *He that heareth my word, & believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.*

Joh. 8. 51. *If any man keep my saying, he shall never see death.*

Joh. 11. 25. *He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever believeth in me, shall never see death.*

If thou doubt that thou shalt perish and not be saved, apply, *He that believes in Christ, shall not perish; but shall have everlasting life; and shall not come into condemnation.* Labour to believe these Promises, for that is required of thee for the obtaining what is promised.

The XVII. LEGACY.

If thy heart be as a wilderness, barren of good.

WHen thou findest thy heart as a wilderness barren of good, apply, *Isa.* 35. 1, 2. *The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them: and the desart shall rejoyce, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoyce even with joy and singing.*

This Promise is made to the Church, and every member of it may apply it to themselves: therefore when thou feelest thine heart as a desart wilderness, and waste ground, void of good, full of briars and thorns of sin; then know thou shalt not only bring forth sweet smelling graces like roses, but also all abundance of them.

Prov. 11. 28. *The righteous shall flourish as a branch.* Prov. 13. 4. *The soul of the diligent shall be made fat.*

Hos. 14. 4, 6. *I will be as the dew to Israel, he shall grow as the lilly, and cast*

forth his roots like Lebanon: his branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive-tree, and his smell as Lebanon. When we want means to make us fruitful, apply, *The Lord will be a dew to Israel.*

When we desire to flourish and grow up in grace, apply, *He shall grow as the lilly, his branch shall spread.*

If thou wouldest shine forth in the beauty of holiness, apply, *His beauty shall be as the olive-tree, and as the lilies,* whose glory is greater than *Solomons* in all his Royalty.

If thou wouldst have thy Graces send forth a sweet smell, apply, *His smell shall be as Lebanon.*

If thou feareſt the continuance of this estate, apply, *He shall fasten his roots as the trees of Lebanon.*

It matters not how great our barrenness be, when God will be a dew to us: it will quickly make us fruitful, we shall bring forth fruits glorious to the sight, as the Lilly, and as the Olive-tree; and the scent of our Graces shall be a sweet smelling savour, as the trees of Lebanon. Therefore though thou feelest thy heart

yet barren, and thou haſt uſed means long, and yet art not fruitful, ſtill uſe the means, and believe: for therein did *Abraham* glorifie God, that he believed above hope, that *Sarah* ſhould have a Son, whoſe womb was barren, and years paſt child-bearing: ſo, though thine heart remain barren in thine own feeling, after long uſe of means, yet ſtill follow ſeeking in the means, and believe: for we have as ſure Promiſes, and as faithful a performer, as *Abraham* had, Jeſus Chriſt, yeſterday, and to day, and the ſame for ever. *Joh.* 7. 38. *He that believeth on me, out of his belly ſhall flow rivers of water of life.*

The XVIII. LEGACY.

If thou wanteſt holineſs.

WHen thou art troubled for want of holineſs, apply, *Exod.* 19. 6. *Thou ſhall be an holy Nation.*

Deut. 28. 9. *And the Lord ſhall eſtabliſh thee an holy people unto himſelf.*

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The Lord will make thee holy; therefore ſin, nor ſatan, nor wicked men cannot hinder thy holineſs: for he that makes thee holy is ſtronger than all, and doth what he will.

1 Theſ. 5. 23, 24. *The God of peace ſhall ſanctifie you throughout in ſpirit, ſoul, and body. Faithful is he which calleth you, which will alſo do it.*

The XIX. LEGACY.

When thou canſt not offer up any ſacrifice.

WHen thou canſt not offer up any ſacrifice to God of prayer or praiſe, or thy ſelf in ſacrifice; apply *Exod.* 19. 3. *Ye ſhall be unto me a Kingdom of Prieſts.* God promiſeth that we ſhall be Prieſts; that is, ſuch as ſhall offer up ſacrifice unto him, for that was the Prieſts office. Therefore when thou findeſt thy ſelf unable to pray, or praiſe the Lord, or to offer up thy ſelf to God, ſoul and

and body, ſtrive in faith grounded on the Promiſes, that he which commanded, hath alſo promiſed to make us able to do it, for he hath ſaid, *We ſhall be Prieſts.* Mal. 1. 11. *In every place incenſe ſhall be offered to my name, and a pure offering,* which is ſpoken of the believing-Gentiles; therefore thou being one of them, ſhalt be able to offer up pure offerings.

The XX. LEGACY.

When thou feeleſt but little Grace.

WHen thou feeleſt little Grace; Knowledg, Faith, Love, Repentance, all very little; apply, *Job* 8. 7. *Though thy beginning be ſmall, yet thy latter end ſhall greatly encreaſe.*

Mat. 13. 12. *Whoſoever hath, to him ſhall be given; and he ſhall have abundance.*

Therefore let not thy ſmall beginnings diſcourage thee; but if thou canſt prove thou haſt ſome Grace, then join

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Faith and diligence together, and they will quickly make thee rich.

The XXI. LEGACY.

When all thy graces are weak.

WHen thou findeſt all thy Graces very weak, and no ſtrength to perform any ſpiritual duty, either prayer, or faſting, or any other duty; then apply, *Pſal.* 29. 11. *The Lord will give ſtrength unto his people.* Iſa. 40. 29, 31. *He giveth power to the faint, and to them which have no might, he increaſeth ſtrength, They that wait upon the Lord, ſhall renew their ſtrength, they ſhall mount up with wings as Eagles, they ſhall run and not be weary, they ſhall walk and not faint.*

When thou feeleſt thy ſelf faint, ſtay thy ſelf with this promiſe, *He gives ſtrength to him that fainteth.*

When thou feeleſt no power, apply, *To him that hath no ſtrength he increaſeth power.* If thou haſt loſt thy power, then ſtay thy ſelf with this, *They ſhall renew their ſtr ength.*

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If thou art ready to give over through wearineſs, then gather ſtrength from this; *They ſhall run and not be weary, and walk and not be faint.*

And if thou findeſt not theſe Promiſes performed unto thee, either thou endeavoureſt not to keep the conditions, or elſe thou art negligent in ſearching out the Promiſes, or cold in ſuing for them: the Lord will be ſought to for the performance.

Iſa. 41. 10. *I am thy God, I will ſtrengthen thee, yea I will help thee, yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteouſneſs.* Iſa. 29. 4. *Truſt thou in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlaſting ſtrength.*

To know there is ſtrength in the Lord is no comfort, unleſs we know it ſhall be for us. Therefore ſince it is given for a comfort, it muſt include this Promiſe, *That the Lords ſtrength for evermore ſhall be employed for our good.* Therefore when we want for either ſoul or body, we muſt fix our confidence in him, who will not fail us, if we ſeek unto him.

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The XXII. LEGACY.

When thy heart is dried for want of Grace.

WHen thou feeleſt thy heart dried up for want of Grace, that thou canſt not ſend forth any water of Grace in thy thoughts, words, and works, apply, *Iſa.* 44. 3. *I will pour water upon him that is thirſty, and floods upon the dry ground.*

Iſa. 58. 11. *The Lord ſhall ſatisfie thy ſoul in drought, and make fat thy bones, and thou ſhalt be like a watered garden, and like a ſpring of waters, whoſe waters fail not.*

Jer. 17. 8. *He ſhall be as a tree planted by the waters, that ſpreadeth out her roots by the river, and ſhall not ſee when heat cometh: but her leaf ſhall be green, and ſhall not be careful in the year of drought, neither ſhall ceaſe from yielding fruit.*

Jer. 31. 12. *Their ſoul ſhall be as a watered garden.*

Jam. 4. 6. *God giveth Grace unto the humble.*

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Isa. 35. 6, 7. *In the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desart; And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of waters.* That is, the most barren heart shall abound with Grace, according to that promise, *Joh.* 7. 38. *Out of their bellies shall flow rivers of the water of life.*

Isa. 41. 17, 18. *When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongues fail for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them: I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will plant in the wilderness the Cedar, the Shittah tree, and the Myrtle, and the Olive tree: I will set in the desart the Firr-tree, and the Pine, and the Box tree together.* So now, though thou feelest thy heart barren, know that God will be a Gardener to thy barren heart, to make pools, and plant pleasant grapes of Graces; therefore seeing he taketh upon himself the work, fear not the badness of the ground, for he will make it good as a fruitful garden.

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The XXIII. LEGACY.

If thou wanteſt the Spirit.

IF thou feeleſt thou wanteſt the Spirit of God, apply, *Ezek.* 36. 27. *I will put my ſpirit within you.*

Luk. 11. 13. *If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more ſhall your heavenly Father give the holy Spirit to them that ask him.*

Joel 2. 28, 29. *I will pour out my Spirit upon all fleſh, and your ſons, and your daughters ſhall prophefie, your old men ſhall dream dreams, and your young men ſhall ſee viſions. And alſo upon the ſervants, and upon the handmaids, in thoſe days will I pour out my ſpirit.*

Joh. 14. 16, 17, 18. *And I will pray the Father, and he ſhall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever: even the ſpirit of truth, he dwelleth with you, and ſhall be in you. I will not leave you comfortleſs, I will come to you.*

When thou canſt not pray thy ſelf, ſtay

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Spirit, and he was heard in all he praye
for, therefore thou maiſt claim it, thoug
thy prayers be but weak.

The XXIV. LEGACY.

If looking on Gods love, thou can not love God again.

WHen thou lookeſt upon the gre
love of God unto thee, and can
not find thine heart enlarged in lo
God again, apply this promiſe, Deu
30. 6. *I will circumciſe thine heart, th
thou mayeſt love the Lord thy God with
thine heart, and with all thy ſoul.*

The XXV. LEGACY.

If thou canst not bring thine heart to delight in the Lord.

WHen thou canst not bring thine heart to delight in the Lord, apply, *Isa.* 41. 16. *Thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, and glory in the holy One of Israel.*

Psal. 89. 19. *In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.*

Job 22. 26. *For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty.*

Psal. 33. 21. *For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.*

When thou seest cause of rejoicing in the Lord, and yet canst not move thine affections, apply, *They shall rejoyce in him.*

If through many troubles, and temptations, thou findest thy joys often interrupted, apply, *They shall rejoice continually in thy name.*

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The XXVI. LEGACY.

If thou feeleſt not Gods fear in thine heart.

WHen we feel not the fear of God in our hearts, apply, *Jer.* 33. 40. *I will put my fear in their hearts.*

If we would have a reverent fear of God, when we perform any holy duty, or at other times, as thou feeleſt thy need, ſo urge the Lord with this his promiſe: for he delights to be ſued to upon his promiſe, by his Servants, *Ezek.* 36. 37. *I will yet for this be inquired of by the houſe of Iſrael to do it for them.*

The XXVII. LEGACY.

If thine heart will not praiſe the Lord.

WHen thou canſt not bring thine heart to praiſe the Lord, apply,

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Isa. 43. 21. *This people have I formed for my self, they shall shew forth my praise.*

Joel 2. 26. *Ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God.*

Psal. 22. 26. *They shall praise the Lord that seek him.*

When thou seest what great things God hath done for thee, and findest not thy self able to set forth his praise, apply, *They shall set forth my Praise.*

When thou findest thy ingrateful heart not affected with the mercies thou enjoyest, so as they stir thee not up to praise the Lord, apply, *He shall eat and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord.*

The XXVIII. LEGACY.

If thou wantest wisdom.

WHen thou seest the want of Wisdom makes thee not walk like a Chri-

Christian, so unblamably as thou ought'st, apply, *Jam.* 1.5, *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him.*

When thou findest thou wantest Wisdom to improve thine afflictions to the best advantage, or for the ordering of thy actions, occasions, and course of life to Gods glory and the good of others and thy self, then fail not to ask Wisdom, and doubt not of the obtaining of it.

The XXIX. LEGACY.

If thou canst not understand Gods voice.

WHen thou canst not understand the voice of God in his word, or works, not knowing what to learn by them, apply, *Isa.* 35. 5, *The ears of the deaf shall be unstopped:* That is, those that were deaf, not understanding any thing,

thing, ſhall be made to hear, that is, to underſtand.

Joh. 10. 16. *Other ſheep I have, which are not of this fold; them alſo I muſt bring, and they ſhall hear my voice.* Which is a promiſe to the Gentiles, that they ſhall underſtand the voice of God.

The XXX. LEGACY.

If thou canſt not ſee into myſteries of the Goſpel.

IF thou canſt not ſee into the Divine Myſteries of the Goſpel, apply, *Iſa.* 35. 5. *The eyes of the blind ſhall be opened.* Iſa. 42. 7. *He ſhall open the eyes of the blind.* Luk. 4. 18. *He hath ſent me to recover ſight to the blind.*

Theſe places are what Chriſt will do to his people, therefore we need not fear our diſeaſe, ſeeing Chriſt is our Phyſician. If every creature do that for which it was ordained, then he will ſurely do that which he was ſent to do of the Father, to give ſight to the blind. The

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The XXXI. LEGACY.

If thou seest a good way, and hast no power to walk in it.

WHen thou seest a good way, and hast no power to walk in it, or heart to perform any duty ordinary or extraordinary, and feelest no strength to walk in that way, apply, *Ezek.* 36. 27. *And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments and do them.*

When thou lookest at the greatness of the duty which God commands, look also at the largeness of his Promises for the keeping of them, and then thou wilt not be discourag'd at it. What matter it what he commands, seeing we have his promise?

If thou feareſt the strictness of his ways, that thou shalt not be able to walk in them, though thou step into them sometimes, strengthen thy faith in this promise; *I will give thee my spirit to cause thee to walk in my ways.*

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Can Sin or Satan then reſiſt? Nay, ſurely the Spirit is ſtronger, and greater is he that is in us, than thoſe that are againſt us. And when we ſee great duties which God commands, and fear we ſhall want ſtrength to do them; apply, he hath ſaid, *You ſhall keep my judgments and do them.*

Iſa. 40. 31. *They ſhall run, and not be weary; they ſhall walk, and not be faint.* That is, thoſe which of themſelves could not ſtep one ſtep, ſhall be able to run ſwiftly in the ways of God.

The XXXII. LEGACY.

If thou wanteſt memory.

WHen thou wanteſt Memory to remember the Word of God, apply, *Joh.* 14. 26. *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghoſt, whom the Father will ſend in my name, he ſhall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatſoever I have ſaid unto you.*

The XXXIII. LEGACY.

When thou seest thine ignorance.

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able to glorifie God as thou mightest,
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self to desire; and apply, *Jer.* 31. 33,
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in their inward parts, and write it in th
hearts, and they shall all know me, fr
the Lord, from the greatest to the le
Hos. 2. 20, *Thou shalt know the Lo*
Prov. 1. 23, *I will pour out my spirit*
to you, I will make known my words
to you.

Psal. 25. 9, 12, 14, *The meek will*
guide in judgment: And the meek will
teach his way. What man is he that fe
eth the Lord? him shall he teach in
way that he shall chuse: the secret of
Lord is with them that fear him: and
will shew them his Covenant.

Prov. 2. 4, 9, 11, 12, 13, *If thou se*
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treasures: then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea every good path. *Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee, to deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things: who leave the paths of righteousness, to walk in the ways of darkness.* Isa. 11. 9, *The earth shall be full of the knowledg of the Lord.* Prov. 8. 17, *Those that seek me early, shall find me.* Isa. 39. 8, *The fool shall not err.* Joh. 7. 17, *If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of my self.* Isa. 32. 3, 4. *The eyes of them that see, shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken. The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledg.*

When thou thinkest of the great mystery of God manifest in the flesh, and of one divine essence, and three persons, and feest thy own inability to conceive of this great God; apply, *They shall all know the Lord. The heart of the fool shall understand.*

When thou fear, God will not reveal his Will to us; apply, *I will pour out my*

mind to you. He will teach the humble his ways. He will teach him the way he should chuse.

If thou feareſt that though God reveal his will, yet thy ignorance is ſuch as thou ſhalt not be able to underſtand it; apply, *I will inſtruct you to underſtand, thou ſhalt underſtand judgment, righteouſneſs, equity, and every good path.*

If thou feareſt men will draw thee away to error; apply, *Counſel ſhall preſerve thee, and underſtanding ſhall keep thee, and deliver thee from the evil way, and from the man that ſpeaketh froward things, and from them that leave the ways of righteouſneſs, to walk in the ways of darkneſs. The fool ſhall not err. He ſhall know the doctrine whether it be of God.*

The XXXIV. LEGACY.

If thou deſireſt Grace, and art not ſatisfied.

If thou deſireſt Grace, and thy deſires are not ſatisfied; apply,

Psal. 35. 7. *Delight thy self also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart.*

Psal. 145. 19. *He will fulfil the desires of them that fear him.*

Psal. 81. 10. *Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.*

Mat. 5. 6. *Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.*

Prov. 10. 24. *The desire of the righteous shall be granted.*

Dost thou desire Grace? feareſt thou God will dot grant thy desires? apply, *He shall give thee thy hearts desire, he will fulfil thy desire.*

Feareſt thou, that if he give grace, it will be but a little? apply, *Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. Thou shalt be filled.*

Isa. 30. 18. *Blessed are all they which wait for him. He will certainly have mercy upon thee, at the voice of thy cry, when he hears he will answer.*

When thou beginneſt to faint with waiting; apply, *He will certainly have mercy upon thee.*

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The XXXV. LEGACY.

If thine heart be dead.

WHen thou feelest thy heart dead that it will not ſtir up God's goodneſs; apply, *Pſal.* 22. 26. *Your heart ſhall live for ever.*

Prov. 3. 21, 22, *Keep ſound wiſdom and diſcretion, ſo ſhall they be life unto thy ſoul.*

Iſa. 57. 15, *I dwell in the high and holy place, with him alſo that is of a contrite and humble ſpirit, to revive the ſpirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.*

Amos 5. 4, *Seek the Lord, and ye ſhall live.*

When thou feareſt thou ſhalt never overcome the deadneſs of thy heart; apply, *Your hearts ſhall live: Seek the Lord, and ye ſhall live.*

When thou haſt got ſome life, and feareſt the loſing of it; apply, *Your hearts ſhall live for ever.*

The XXXVI. LEGACY.

If thou feareſt falling away.

WHen thou feareſt thou ſhalt fall away, and beginneſt to decline; apply, 1 Cor. 1. 8, *Chriſt ſhall alſo confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameleſs in the day of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt.* Pſal. 16. 8. *I have ſet the Lord always before me; becauſe he is at my right hand, I ſhall not be moved.*

Pſal. 145. 14. *The Lord upholdeth all that fall: and raiſeth up all thoſe that be bowed down.* Pſal. 92. 12, 14. *The righteous ſhall flouriſh like the palm-tree. He ſhall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They ſhall ſtill bring forth fruit in old age: they ſhall be fat and flouriſhing.* Pſal. 1. 13, *And he ſhall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his ſeaſon: his leaf alſo ſhall not wither.* Pſal. 31. 24. *He ſhall ſtabliſh thine heart.* Job. 11. 15, 17. *Thou ſhalt be ſteadfaſt, thine age ſhall be clearer than the noon-day, thou ſhalt ſhine forth, thou ſhalt be as the*

morning. Judg. 5. 31, *They that love the Lord shall be as the Sun, when it goeth forth in his might.* Now we see that nothing can hinder the Sun in his might, but it chaseth away the darkness and clouds before it, and ceaseth not till it hath run his race: so shall the child of God, for the Lord hath said it, we need not doubt of it. If thou fearest thine own weakness, and the power of temptation, with the subtilty of Satan; apply, That God whose power and wisdom over-reacheth all other, hath said, *He will confirm you to the end. He shall stablish thine heart: thy leaf shall not fade.* Art thou hard pursued by Sin and Satan? apply, That God whose power and wisdom over-reacheth all, he hath said, *He will establish thee.* If thou be ready to fall and faint; apply, *The Lord upholdeth all them that are ready to fall, and lifteth all them up that are ready to fall: thou shalt not slide.* If thou fearest though thou be kept from sin yet thy graces shall decay; apply, *The righteous shall flourish as a Palm-tree, and shall grow as a Cedar in Lebanon. They shall bring forth fruit in their age; they*

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shall be fat and flourishing; thou shalt bring forth fruit in season: thou shalt be stable, thine age shall appear more clear than noon day. Thou shalt shine as the morning.

The XXXVII. LEGACY.

If thou art fallen.

WHen we are fallen, and fear the Lord will leave us so; then apply, *Psal.* 55. 22. *Cast thy burthen upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.* Psal. 37. 24, 28, *Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down, for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand. For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his Saints; they are preserved for ever.* Jer. 32. 40. *I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.*

When thou art fallen, and feelest a great load of sin or misery upon thee, and no power to unload thy self, thy

Graces so weak that they will not hel
thee, and therefore thou thinkest th
state desperate; apply, *Though he fall,*
he shall not be cast off, for the Lord pu
teth under his hand. Therefore though s
and misery be never so heavy to pre
thee down, yet that powerful hand o
God, when thou art at the lowest, b
ing under thee, shall easily lift thee up
thou hast his promise, *He will not suffe*
thee to fall for ever.

The XXXVIII. LEGACY.

When the Lord hath forsaken the

WHen the Lord hath forsaken th
in thine own feeling, and tho
feareſt he will not return again; appl
Isa. 54. 7, 8, 9, 10. *For a small mom*
have I forsaken thee: but with great m
cies will I gather thee. In a little wrath
hid my face from thee for a moment; bu
with everlasting kindness will I have mer
on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer. For
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this is as the waters of Noah unto me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah shall no more go over the earth: so have I sworn, that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. For the mountains shall depart, and the hills shall be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the Covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

Gen. 17. 7, *I will establish my Covenant betwixt thee and me, an everlasting Covenant to be a God unto thee.*

Deut. 31. 8. *I will be with thee, I will not fail thee, neither forsake thee; fear not, neither be dismayed.*

1 King. 6. 13, *I will not forsake my people.*

2 Chron. 15. 2, *The Lord is with you, while you be with him.*

Job 8. 20, *Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man.*

Job 36. 5, *Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any.*

Hos. 2. 19, 20, *I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and*

and in loving-kindneſs, and in mercy, I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulneſs.

The XXXIX. LEGACY.

When thou feeleſt thy Vileneſs.

WHen thou feeleſt thy vileneſs, and feareſt the Lord will loath thee for it; apply, *Lev.* 26. 11, *My ſoul ſhall not abhor you.*

Hoſ. 14. 4, *I will love them freely, for mine anger is turned away from them.*

Deut. 7. 13, *I will love thee.*

Joh. 14. 21, 23. *He that loveth me, ſhall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifeſt my ſelf to him; my father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

Jer. 32. 41, *I will rejoice over them to do them good.*

When thou ſeeſt a multitude of ſins, ſo that thou ſeemeſt moſt loathſom; apply, *My ſoul ſhall not loath you.*

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When thou ſeeſt nothing in thy ſelf that ſhould move Him to love thee, but all to the contrary; apply, *I will love them freely.*

If thou feareſt thy many ſins will cauſe the Lord not to delight in thee; apply, *I will delight in thee.*

If thou feareſt, thy ſin will cauſe the Lord to hide himſelf from thee; apply, *I will ſhew my own ſelf unto him.*

The XL. LEGACY.

When thou feeleſt thy ſpiritual poverty.

WHen thou feeleſt thy ſpiritual poverty; apply, *Mat.* 5. 3, *Bleſſed are the poor in ſpirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.*

Iſa. 66. 2. *To him will I look, ſaith the Lord, that is poor and of a contrite ſpirit, and trembleth at my words.*

When thou feeleſt thy ſins many, and thy graces very little, and therefore fear-

eſt that ſuch a miſerable creature as thou art, ſhalt not inherit heaven; apply, *Bleſſed are the poor in ſpirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.*

If thou feareſt the Lord will not look upon thee; apply, *To him will I look, ſaith the Lord, that is of a contrite ſpirit.*

The XLI. LEGACY.

When thou art in a ſtrait.

WHen thou art in a ſtrait, and knoweſt not what to chuſe, either in ſome truth, or in ſomething that is to be done, that thou knoweſt not what to chuſe; apply, *Pſal.* 25. 22, *He ſhall be teach in the way that he ſhall chuſe.* Verſ. 23, *His ſoul ſhall dwell at eaſe.*

Prov. 3. 6, *In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he ſhall direct thy paths.*

Prov. 16. 3, *Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts ſhall be eſtabliſhed.*

Iſa. 30. 21. *And thine ear ſhall hear a word behind thee, ſaying, This is the way, walk*

walk in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Isa. 58. 11, *The Lord shall guide thee continually.*

Isa. 61. 8, *I will direct their work in truth.*

Jer. 31. 9, *I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters, in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble.*

When thou doubtest of some truth; apply, *He shall teach him the way that he shall chuse, his soul shall dwell at ease. Thine ears shall hear a voice behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk in it. I will direct thy way in truth.*

When thou art thinking what course to take, and feareſt thou shalt not know what the Lord would have thee to do; apply, *Thy thoughts shall be directed, he shall direct thy ways.*

When thou feareſt thy weakneſs will at some times carry thee astray; apply, *The Lord will guide thee continually, the Lord will lead thee in a straight way, that thou shalt not stumble.*

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The XLII. LEGACY.

If thou feareſt Satan will cauſe thee to fall.

WHen thou feareſt that Satan by his power and ſubtilty will cauſe thee to fall, and art troubled with his temptations; apply, *Gen.* 3. 15. *He ſhall bruiſe his head.* Therefore fear not; for Chriſt hath overthrown all his power and ſubtilty, that he cannot do us any harm, *Pſal.* 91. 3, 4, *Surely he ſhall deliver thee from the ſnare of the fowler. He ſhall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings ſhalt thou truſt: his Truth ſhall be thy Shield and Buckler.*

Rom. 16. 20. *The God of peace ſhall bruiſe Satan under your feet ſhortly.*

Doth Satan preſs thee with ſtrong temptations, and feareſt thou his power? apply, *He ſhall bruiſe his head. He will cover thee under his wings, and thou ſhalt be ſafe under his feathers; his ſtrength ſhall be thy Buckler.*

Feareſt thou his ſubtilty? apply, *He ſhall*

shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler: and bruise his head, wherein lies all power and plots.

The XLIII. LEGACY.

If thou canst not profit well by the Word of God.

WHen thou canst not profit by the Word of God, or his works of mercy, or afflictions; apply, *Isa.* 48. 17. *I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldst go.*

Mat. 21. 41. *The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a Nation bringing forth fruits thereof.*

This is a Promise, that the Gentiles shall bring forth the fruits of the Gospel; therefore every believing Gentile may apply it.

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The XLIV. LEGACY.

If thou findest thy self unlike Gods people.

WHen thou findest thy self not li
the people of God, either
heart and life; apply, *Jer.* 32.39, *I w*
give them one heart, and one way.

When thou seest thine heart not
the people of God, either in their
fection to God, or his people, or Or
nance, or in their sorrowing for sin,
ply, *I will give them one heart.*

When thou seest thy life and conv
lation not so holy as the people of Go
apply, *I will give them one way.*

The XLV. LEGACY.

If thou wouldst have Gods blessing rest upon thee.

IF thou wouldst have the blessing of the Lord to rest upon thee; apply,

Psal. 5. 12. *The Lord will bless the righteous.*

Deut. 7. 13, *I will bless thee.*

Psal. 3. 8, *Thy blessing is upon thy people.*

Psal. 24. 5, *He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

Psal. 115. 12, 13. *The Lord will bless us, he will bless the house of Israel, he will bless the house of Aaron. He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.*

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The XLVI. LEGACY.

If thou wouldst be a blessing in th place.

IF thou wouldest be a blessing in th place; apply, *Gen.* 12.2, *I will bl thee, and thou shalt be a blessing.* Ezek. 34. 26, *I will make them abo my hill a blessing.*

The XLVII. LEGACY.

If thou separatest from the wicke in their corrupt worship.

WHen thou separatest thy self fro the wicked in their corrup worship and manners; apply, 2 *Cor.* 6, 16, 17, 18, *I will dwell in them, an walk in them, and I will be their God and they shall be my people: Wherefo come out from among them, and be ye se parated, saith the Lord, and touch no th*

the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Thus far of *Grace*; the next Promises are about the means of *Grace*, either ordinary, or extraordinary.

The XLVIII. LEGACY.

A Promise to be applied in every Ordinance.

IN every Ordinance thou maist apply this promise, *Isa.* 12. 3, *With joy shall you draw water out of the wells of salvation.* Now in that it is said, Out of the Wells of Salvation, and not Well; I think we ought to apply it to every Ordinance of God, so as we are to use them with a comfortable perswasion, that we shall receive abundance of grace from them.

them. As the Lord promiseth, we shall draw waters from out of them; we shall not only use them, but draw from them with joy. Therefore when we pray, meditate, hear, confer, fast; in every duty apply this promise, and you shall find him faithful which promiseth.

The XLIX. LEGACY.

When thou prayest.

WHen thou prayest, apply the Promises for the strengthning of thy Faith, and for thy hearing. *Mat. 7. Ask and it shall be given you, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.*

Mat. 6. 6. *Pray to thy Father which seeth in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.*

Mat. 21. 22. *And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.*

Joh. 14. 13. *Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, I will do it.*

John 16. 24, *Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.*

John 15. 7, *Ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

Isa. 65. 24, *Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.*

Job 22. 7, *Thou shalt make thy prayers unto him, and he shall hear thee: and if thou seek him, he will be found.*

The L. LEGACY.

When thou meditatest.

WHen thou meditatest; apply these Promises, *Prov.* 14. 22, *Mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good.*

Psal. 103. 17, 18, *The loving-kindness of the Lord endureth for ever, to them which think upon his commandments to do them.*

Phil. 4. 8, 9, *Think on these things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me; and the God of peace shall be with you.*

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If thou desirest mercy, or the truth
God to be for thy good, or the lovin
kindness of the Lord to be for ever t
wards thee, and God which brin
peace with him, to be with thee; th
meditate on good things, and with fu
a meditation as may stir thee up
practise; and then all these Promi
shall surely be performed to thee. A
because Meditation is an hard duty
therefore encourage thy self to it by t
benefit it brings; and it being a way
God, he will give thee his Spirit to ca
thee to walk in it.

The LI. LEGACY.

In meditating, conferring, a reading Gods Word.

IN meditating, conferring, and re
ding of the Word of God; apply
Josh. 1. 8. *Let not this book of the L
depart out of thy mouth; but medit
therein day and night, that thou may*
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ſerve to do according to all that is written herein: for then thou ſhalt make thy way proſperous, and then thou ſhalt have good ſucceſs.

The LII. LEGACY.

In reading of the Word, if thou underſtandeſt not.

IN reading of the Word, if we underſtand not, apply theſe promiſes;

Prov. 1. 23, *I will pour out my Spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.*

Prov. 1. 4, *It gives ſubtilty to the ſimple: to the young man knowledg and diſcretion.*

Pſal. 19. 8. *The commandment of the Lord is pure, inlightning the eyes.*

The LIII. LEGACY.

If thou canst not confer.

WHen thou canst not speak in co
ference to edification, but fe
est thy heart shut up; then apply, *Jo*
7. 38. *He that believeth on me, out of*
belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Prov. 10. 31, *The mouth of the j*
brings forth wisdom.

Prov. 12. 14, *A man shall be satisf*
with good by the fruit of his mouth.

Isa. 32. 14, *The tongue of the stamm*
rer, shall be ready to speak plainly.

Isa. 35. 6. *The dumb mans tongue sh*
sing.

When thou art with the people
God, that thou mayest receive goo
from them, and do them good; appl
Prov. 13 20, *He that walketh with wi*
men, shall be wise. So apply, *Prov.* 12. 1
Joh. 7. 38, *Ezek.* 47. 12. *His fruit shall*
meat, and his leaves medicine.

If thou findest thy soul stand in ne
of wisdom, keep company with the p

eof God which are the only wise peo-
e, and then thou hast the only sure
romises of the Lord, thou shalt be wise.
thou hungrest after good, resort to
e righteous, and thou shalt be satisfied
ith good things. If thou feel thy self
ead; apply, *Out of him shall flow rivers*
water of life, for thy quickning. If
y soul be faint or sick, apply, *His fruit*
ll be meat, and his leaves medicine. Let
this good which is gotten by their fel-
wship, cause thee to delight in them,
d take heed of forsaking the fellow-
ip of the Saints.

When thou goest into company, ap-
y these promises to thy self, that thou
ilt be so to others, and hinder not thy
f by unbelief.

The LIV. LEGACY.

When thou art to go to the Assemblies.

WHen thou art to go to the As-
semblies, to participate in the

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Ordinances; apply, *In places where I cord my name, I will come to thee and thee.* If thou wanteſt the Lord, or bleſſing, go to his houſe, and thou find him, *Pſal.* 36.8,9, *They ſhall be a dantly ſatisfied with the fatneſs of houſe, and thou ſhalt make them dri the river of thy pleaſures. For with is the fountain of life, and in thy light we ſee light.* Pſal. 65. 4, *We ſhall b tisfied with the goodneſs of thy houſe, of thine holy Temple.* Pſal. 84. 11, *Lord God is a ſun and ſhield: the Lor give grace and glory, and no good will he with hold.* Pſal. 92. 13, 14, *that be planted in the houſe of the L ſhall flouriſh in the courts of our God ſhall ſtill bring forth fruit in their old they ſhall be fat and flouriſhing.* Pſal. 5, *The Lord ſhall bleſs thee out of* Iſa. 25. 6, 7, 8, *In this mountain ſha Lord of Hoſts make unto all people a of fat things, a feaſt of wines on the of fat things full of marrow, of wi the Lees, well refined.* Therefore his Ordinances are corrupted with Inventions, then thou muſt pre

th this promiſe, That he will give us
ne, fined and puriſied, even his pureſt
rdinances, and moſt comfortable to
t hearts, as Wine is. And when there
little nouriſhment, becauſe their gifts
e weak, urge him with this, That he
th promiſed to make us a feaſt of fat
ings full of marrow; for I take this
romiſe to be meant of the Churches af-
r Chriſt, verſ. 7, *And he will deſtroy in*
is mountain the face of the covering caſt
er all people, and the vail that is ſpread
er all Nations. Thy ſins that are too
ong for thee, bring them to the Lord
his Ordinances, and he will deſtroy
em, though thou ſeem to be covered
ith them, and they ſpread as a vail up-
n thee, yet believe his promiſes, and all
ings ſhall be poſſible unto thee. *Iſa.* 56.
, *I will make them joyful in mine houſe of*
ayer, their ſacrifices ſhall be accepted
mine Altar. God will both give to
em, and accept from them their ſacri-
ces, as pleaſing to him, 2 *Chron.* 20. 20.
elieve his Prophets, ſo ſhall ye proſper.
Prov. 1. 5, *A wiſe man will hear and*
ill increaſe learning, and a man of under-

ſtanding ſhall attain unto wiſe counſel. Prov. 4. 10, 12. *Hear and receive my ſayings, and the years of thy life ſhall be many; when thou goeſt, thy ſteps ſhall not be ſtraitned; and when thou runneſt, thou ſhalt not ſtumble.* Mark 4. 24, *Unto you that have, ſhall more be given.* Iſa. 55. 3, 11, 12, *Incline your ears and come unto me, hear and your ſouls ſhall live, and I will make an everlaſting Covenant with you, even the ſure mercies of* David. *My words ſhall accompliſh that which I pleaſe, and it ſhall proſper in the thing whereto I ſend it. Therefore ye ſhall go forth with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills ſhall break forth before you into ſinging, and all the trees of the field ſhall clap their hands.* Ver. 3, *Inſtead of the thorn ſhall come up the Fir-tree, and inſtead of the bryar ſhall come up the Myrtle-tree:* this force ſhall the Word have in thine heart, for planting of *grace*, and deſtroying of *ſin*.

Hoſ. 14. 7, *They that dwell under his ſhadow ſhall return, they ſhall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine, the ſcent thereof ſhall be as the vine in Lebanon.* If thou

wouldest return, apply this, *He shall return.* If thou beest decayed, apply this, *They shall revive as the corn.* If thou wouldest flourish in grace, apply, *They shall flourish as the Vine.* If thou wouldest be a sweet smelling savour in all places, apply, *The scent thereof shall be as the Wine of Lebanon.* Seeing all these good things come from the powerful Ordinances of the Lord, let us give him no rest, till he bestow these blessings upon us; When the pastor of the people pronounceth the blessings, apply this promise, *Numb.* 6. 27, *I will bless thee.*

The LV. LEGACY.

Wouldest thou enjoy the Ordinances of God, and a blessing upon them.

WOuldest thou enjoy the Ordinances of God, and a blessing upon them? apply, *Jer.* 31. 14. *I will satiate the souls of the Priests with fatness,*

and my people shall be satisfied with goodnes.

Jer. 3. 15, *I will give you Pastors according to my heart, which shall feed you with knowledg and understanding.*

Ezek. 34.26,27, *And I will make them and the places round about my Hill, a blessing, and I will cause the showr to come down in his season: there shall be showers of blessing. And the tree of the field shall yield her increase, and the earth shall yield her fruit.*

The Promises are both for Pastor and People; the Pastor shall be able to teach with knowledg and understanding; his soul shall be repleniſhed with fatnes, his teaching shall be as seasonable showers of Blessing, that shall make the People fruitful. The People must apply these Promises: first, That God would give them able Teachers, and that they may find their Ministry blessed unto them according to these Promises: That they may be fed with knowledg & understanding; that they may be satisfied with goodnes, and that their teaching may be seasonable showers of blessing to make them

them fruitful, as it is promiſed, that the trees ſhall yield their fruit. How much are Gods Ordinances to be deſired, by which he doth convey ſo many bleſſings unto his people? Let us give him no reſt, till he furniſh *Jeruſalem* with all her Ordinances and Officers.

The LVI. LEGACY.

If thou enjoyeſt Grace, or means of Grace.

IF thou enjoyeſt glorious Graces, or means of grace, and feareſt the loſing of them; apply, *Iſa.* 4. 5, 6, *Upon all the glory ſhall be a defence. And there ſhall be a Tabernacle for a ſhadow in the day-time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from ſtorm, and from rain.*

Iſa. 27. 3, *I the Lord do keep it, I will water it every moment, leſt any hurt it: I will keep it night and day.*

Iſa. 33. 16, *His place of defence ſhall*

be the munition of Rocks; bread shall be given him, his waters shall be sure.

Hast thou any glorious grace, or means of grace? arm thy self with the power of God in his promises, for the Devil will use all his forces and subtilty to deprive thee of them. Hast thou a glorious Minister, & pure Ordinances, or glorious Graces begin to spring in thine heart, and seest no means to defend them? apply, *Upon all thy glory he shall be a defence. His defence shall be a munition of rocks.* Seest thou an heart of sin in thy self, or the rage of the wicked, that causeth thee to fear the loss of them? apply, *There shall be a covering for a shadow in the day for the heat.* Doth the Devil raise up storms outwardly? inwardly Persecutions? apply, *The defence and covering shall be a place of refuge, and covert for the storm and for the rain.* Feareſt thou the subtilty of thine enemies, that unawares when thou thinkest not on them, they will surprise thee, and steal thy blessing from thee? apply, *I the Lord will keep it night and day.* If thou feareſt God will not continue thus

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to thee; apply, *I will water it every moment*; not one moment but he will be adding and nouriſhing: *Bread ſhall be given him, and his waters ſhall be ſure.*

The LVII. LEGACY.

When thou art baniſhed from Gods Ordinances.

WHen thou art baniſhed from Gods Ordinances, apply theſe Promiſes for thy return, *Iſa.* 35. 10, *The ranſomed of the Lord ſhall return and come to Sion with ſongs, and everlaſting joy upon their heads: they ſhall obtain joy and gladneſs, and ſorrow and ſighing ſhall flee away.* Jer. 3. 14, *And I will bring you to Sion.* Deut. 30. 4, *If any of thine be driven out to the utmoſt parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee.* Ezek. 34. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, *Behold I, even I, will both ſearch my ſheep and find them out. As a ſhepherd ſeeketh out*

out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel, by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country: I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed; upon the mountains of Israel I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God: I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick.

If thou mournest for Gods Ordinances; apply, *Thou shalt not only return to Sion, but return with joy, and sorrow shall flee away.* If thou beest but one amongst many which desirest it, and fearest thou shalt be left among them; apply,

apply, *I will take you, one of a City, and two of a tribe:* though thou beest but one of a City that returneth to the Lord, he will bring thee to Sion from all the reſt. If thou art far removed from all means, and that the Lord hath done it for thy ſin; apply, *Though thou wert caſt into the utmoſt part of heaven, thence will the Lord gather thee, and from thence will he take thee; and will deliver thee from all places where they have been ſcattered in the cloudy and dark day, and will feed them in good paſtures, and will bring them to reſt.*

The LVIII. LEGACY.

Whilſt thou art baniſhed from Gods houſe.

WHilſt thou art baniſhed from Gods houſe; apply, *Ezek.* 11. 16, *I will be unto them as a little Sanctuary in the countries where they ſhall come.* Iſa. 40. 11, *He ſhall feed his flock like a ſhep-*

shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

In thy banishment, at those hours when thy soul was wont to be refreshed in the Sanctuary of God on the Sabbath, and at other times, when thou findest thy self to stand in need either of defence, or nourishment; apply, *I will be a sanctuary unto you. He shall feed his flock as a shepherd.* If in this time thou feelest thy self very weak; apply, *He shall gather his Lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and guide them with young:* they cannot miscarry that are shut up in the bosom of God; nor fear, who are guided by him. Therefore though we be never so weak in our selves, yet here is our comfort, we are safe in our God: O happy people, saved by the Lord!

The LIX. LEGACY.

When wicked Shepherds are over us.

WHen wicked Shepherds are over us; then apply, *Ezek.* 34. 10, *Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my flock at their hands, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock: neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.* Ver. 21, 22, *Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pusht all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad: Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey, and I will cause the wild beasts to cease out of the land.* When the shepherds feed themselves, and are ready to devour us; apply, *The shepherds shall not feed themselves any more. I will deliver my sheep from their mouths, they shall no more devour them.* When through their great-

neſs and our weakneſs they puſh us ſo with their horns, that we are ſcattered, both ſhepherd from people, and one from another; apply, *I will help my ſheep, and they ſhall no more be ſpoiled, I will cauſe the wild beaſts to ceaſe out of the Land.*

The LX. LEGACY.

When through wicked Shepherds thou art come to great miſery.

WHen through evil Shepherds we are come to great miſery; apply, *Ezek.* 34. 16, *I will ſeek that which was loſt, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will ſtrengthen that which was ſick.* Iſa. 30. 20. *Though the Lord give you the bread of adverſity, and the water of affliction; yet ſhall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes ſhall ſee thy teachers.* When through evil Shepherds thou art come

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to such an estate, as thou feel'st thy self to have lost God and goodness, and art driven away from all things that might help thee; apply, *I will seek that which was lost, I will bring again that which was driven away.* When thou art even broken with misery, and grown very weak; apply, *I will bind up that which was broken, and strengthen that which was weak.* When thy Teachers which should help thee in this estate, are forced to flie and hide themselves for fear of wicked shepherds; apply, *Thy teachers shall not be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy Teachers.*

Thus far of the Ordinances of God which are ordinary: Now for the duty of Fasting, which is extraordinary.

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The LXI. LEGACY.

When thou ſetteſt thy ſelf to faſt.

WHen thou ſetteſt thy ſelf to faſt apply, *Mat.* 6. 18, *If thou fa in ſecret, thy Father which ſeeth in ſecr will reward thee openly.*

Jam. 4. 8, 10. *Draw nigh unto Go and he will draw nigh unto you. Humb your ſelves in the ſight of the Lord, and h ſhall life you up.*

Thus far of the means of Grace The next Promiſes are whe we ſuffer Perſecution for well doing: for, all that will live godly muſt ſuffer Perſecution; therefore ſtrengthen thy ſelf with theſe Promiſes.

The LXII. LEGACY.

If thou art railed upon for well-doing.

IF thou art railed upon for well-doing; apply, 1 Pet. 4. 14, *If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye, for the Spirit of God and of glory resteth upon you.*

Mat. 5. 11, 12, *Blessed are ye when men revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsly for my sake. Rejoyce and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the Prophets which were before you.*

The LXIII. LEGACY.

If thou art persecuted.

WHen they persecute thee any other ways, even unto death; apply, *Mat.* 10. 39. *He that loseth his life for my sake, shall find it.* Mat. 5. 10. *Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousnesse sake: for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.* When ye lose any earthly blessing for Gods cause; apply, *Mat.* 19. 24. *Every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for my Names sake, shall receive an hundred fold, and shall inherit everlasting life.*

This is the greatest (and yet lawful) Usury of all others, to part with one outward blessing, and to receive an hundred for it; to lose a miserable life, and to enjoy eternal life; to suffer a short time, and to have a great reward in heaven; to be disgraced, and to have the spirit of glory rest upon us. There-

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fore when thou art railed upon; apply, *Blessed am I, the spirit of glory rests upon me, therefore they cannot make me vile.* Art thou any way persecuted? apply, *Theirs is the kingdom of heaven; Great is your reward in heaven.* Take they thy life away? apply, *He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.* Take they away any earthly blessing? Thou shalt receive an hundred fold at this present; therefore if Usurers gladly let out their money, that hope to receive but eight in the hundred, be ashamed of thy self, that thou shouldest not give one for an hundred, when thou hast the promise of him that never failed to perform.

The LXIV. LEGACY.

In partaking with Gods people in suffering.

IN partaking with Gods people in suffering, that thou mayest be partaker of their comforts; apply, 1 Cor. 10. *As*

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you are partakers of the ſufferings; ſo ſhall ye be alſo of the conſolation.

The LXV. LEGACY.

When thou art called to defend the Truth.

WHen thou art called forth to defend the Truth; apply, *Mat.* 10. 19, *When they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye ſhall ſpeak; for it ſhall be given you in that ſame hour what ye ſhall ſpeak.*

Luk. 21. 15, *I will give you a mouth and wiſdom which all your adverſaries ſhall not be able to gain-ſay or reſiſt.* Mat. 10. 32, *Whoſoever confeſſeth me before men, him will I confeſs before my Father which is in heaven.* When thou feareſt thou ſhalt not be able to ſpeak in the defence of the truth; apply, *It ſhall be given thee, though thou haſt it not before, in that hour what thou ſhalt ſay.* If thou feareſt the learning of thine adverſaries,

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nd thine own ſimpleneſs; apply, *I will ive thee not only a mouth, but alſo wiſ- m, where-againſt they ſhall not be able ſpeak.* If thou wanteſt courage, em- olden thy ſelf with this; Chriſt will onfeſs thee before his Father.

The LXVI. LEGACY.

If thou wouldſt bring forth ſeaſonable fruit for every eſtate.

IF thou wouldeſt bring forth ſeaſonable fruit for every eſtate, and for every duty; apply, *Pſal.* 1. 3, *Thou ſhalt e as a tree which bringeth forth his fruit ſeaſon.* Ezek. 47. 12, *He ſhall bring rth fruit according to his months.* If thou rt to ſpeak or pray, or do any duty, hat thou mayeſt do it ſeaſonably, and ave fitting words and thoughts; apply, *hou ſhalt bring forth fruit in ſeaſon.* So every eſtate, proſperity or adverſity, hat thou mayeſt bring forth the fruits it; apply, *They ſhall bring forth fruit*

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in season according to their months.

Thus far about Spiritual things. T
next Promises are about earthly thing
and because Children are the most e
cellent, therefore I will begin with the

The LXVII. LEGACY.

If thou hast Children.

IF thou hast children; apply, *Psal.* 1
2, *His seed shall be mighty upon earth*
the generation of the just shall be blessed.
Deut. 7. 31, *He will bless the fruit*
thy womb. Gen. 17. 7, *I will establish*
covenant between me and thee, and thy se
after thee in their generations for an e
lasting covenant, to be a God unto thee,
to thy seed after thee. Isa. 44. 3, 4, *I*
pour out my Spirit upon thy seed, and
blessing upon thine off-spring, and they sh
spring up as among the grass, as willo
by the water-courses. If thou desir
grace and Gods blessing for thy chi
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ren; apply, *I will pour my ſpirit and ſſing upon thy ſeed.* If thou wouldſt ve them grow up in it; apply, *They ll grow as among the graſs, and as the llows by the water-courſes.* If thou ouldſt have them in covenant with thy lf, thy God to be theirs; apply, *I ill make an everlaſting covenant with ee, to be God to thee, and to thy ſeed fter thee.* Deſireſt thou outward things or them? apply, *His ſeed ſhall be migh- upon earth.*

The LXVIII. LEGACY.

If thou wanteſt Children.

F thou wanteſt Children; apply, Deut. 7. 14, *Thou ſhalt be bleſſed a- ve all people, there ſhall neither be ale or female barren among you.* Deut. 8. 11, *The Lord ſhall make thee plen- ful in the fruit of thy body.* Pſal. 128. 3, *Thy Wife ſhall be as a fruitful Vine by e ſide of thine houſe, thy Children like*

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Olive plants round about thy table ... *Lo, thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. Thou shalt see thy children's children.*

If thou hast conceived, apply this promise for keeping of it, *Exod.* 23. 26. *There shall none cast their young, nor be barren in all thy land.* This and all other Promises of earthly things are to be applied so far as is good for us: we are not to doubt of them.

The LXIX. LEGACY.

If the Lord deny thee Children.

IF the Lord deny thee Children, apply, *Isa.* 56. 5, *To them will I give in mine house, and within my walls a place and a name, better than of Sons and Daughters, I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.*

The LXX. LEGACY.

Thou wouldeſt have a comfortable and holy uſe of thy habitation.

If thou wouldſt have a comfortable and holy uſe of thine habitation; apply, *Job* 5. 24. *Thou ſhalt know that thy tabernacle ſhall be in peace, and thou ſhalt viſit thine habitation, and not ſin.* Pſal. 91. 10, *There ſhall no evil befall thee, neither ſhall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.* Prov. 14. 11, *The tabernacle of the upright ſhall flouriſh.* Prov. 12. 7. *The houſe of the righteous ſhall ſtand.*

If thou wouldſt proſper in thine houſe; apply, *Peace ſhall be in it. No plague ſhall come near it; it ſhall flouriſh.* If thou wouldſt have it continue ſo; apply, *It ſhall ſtand.* That they may not be a ſnare to thee, but that thou mayeſt uſe thy bleſſings, and not ſin; apply, *Thou ſhalt viſit thy habitation, and not ſin.*

The LXXI. LEGACY.

If thou wouldest have thy go
out, and coming in bleſſed

IF thou wouldſt have thy coming and going out bleſſed; apply, *D* 28. 6, *Bleſſed ſhalt thou be when* *comeſt in, and bleſſed ſhalt thou be* *thou goeſt out.* Pſal. 121. 8, *The* *ſhall preſerve thy going out, and thy* *ing in, from this time forth, and* *for evermore.*

When thou goeſt out, if thou wo have heaven, and earth, and all c tures bleſſed to thee, and be made to make the ſpiritual uſe of them; ply, *Bleſſed ſhalt thou be when tho eſt out, and when thou comeſt in.* *Lord ſhall preſerve thy going out and coming in.* If thou wouldſt have the c tinuance of it; apply, *From this ti forth and evermore.*

The LXXII. LEGACY.

When thou eatest, or enjoyest any blessing, that it may satisfie and be sanctified.

WHen thou eatest or enjoyest any blessing, that it may satisfie, and thou maist have the sanctified use of it; apply, *Joel 2. 26, Ye shall eat plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God.*

That thy meat and outward blessing may give thee content and satisfaction; apply, *Thou shalt eat and be satisfied.*

That thou mayest have the sanctified use of it; apply, *Thou shalt praise the Lord.*

The LXXIII. LEGACY.

When thou takeſt thy reſt at night, &c.

WHen thou takeſt thy reſt [at] night; apply, *Prov.* 3. 24. *When thou lieſt down, thou ſhalt not be afraid; yea thou ſhalt lye down, and thy ſleep ſhall be ſweet.*

Job 11. 19. *Alſo thou ſhalt lye down, and none ſhall make thee afraid.*

If thou be troubled with fears of [the] night, apply, *Thou ſhalt not be afraid. When thou takeſt thy reſt; apply, None ſhall make thee afraid.*

If thou art troubled with any [thing] that breaks thy reſt; apply, *Thy [ſleep] ſhall be ſweet.*

The LXXIV. LEGACY.

When thou putteſt thy hand to any Work.

WHen thou putteſt thy hand to any work, that it may be bleſſed: apply, *Deut.* 28. 12. *The Lord ſhall bleſs all the works of thine hand.* *Deut.* 30. 9. *The Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand.* The Lord will not only bleſs ſome of thy works, but every one, therefore in every work ſend up ſhort prayers for the claiming of them: and ſo, at our going out, and coming in, or ſleeping, renew theſe promiſes upon thy ſelf, by faith applying them, and by prayer ſuing for them.

The LXXV. LEGACY.

If thou wouldst have thine outward blessings blessed.

IF thou wouldst have thy outward blessings blessed of God, apply, *Deut.* 28. 4, 5. *Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattel, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.* Deut. 7. 13, 14. *The Lord will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thy oyl, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. There shall be neither male nor female barren among you, or among your cattel.* That thy goods and thine house may be blessed, apply, *Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.* If thou beest in debt; apply, *Deut.* 28. 12, *Thou shalt lend unto many, and shalt not borrow.*

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The LXXVI. LEGACY.

Thou desirest to enjoy the labours of thine hands.

IF thou desirest to enjoy the labours of thine hands; apply, *Isa.* 65. 21, 22. *They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the works of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble.* Psal. 128. 2, *Thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands.*

The LXXVII. LEGACY.

If thou art diligent in thy calling

WHen thou art diligent in thy c
ling, apply, *Prov.* 12. 14. *
The recompence of a mans hands shall
rendred unto him. The hand of the di
gent shall bear rule.* When thou enjoy
that thou hast laboured for; apply, *P
128. 2, Thou shalt eat the labour of th
hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall
well with thee.*

The LXXVIII. LEGACY.

*When thou seest wicked men fo
lowing unsatisfying things wi
restless desires, and thou desir
content.*

WHen thou seest the wicked to b
carried with restless desire
hungring and thirsting after those thing
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which satisfie them not, and thou desirest content; apply, *Isa.* 65. 13, 14. *Thus saith the Lord, behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants rejoyce, but ye shall be ashamed: behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.*

The LXXIX. LEGACY.

If thou feareſt thou ſhalt loſe by following the Lord.

IF thou feareſt thou ſhalt loſe by following the Lord; apply, *Pſal.* 37. 6, 11. & 181. 9, *Thoſe that wait upon the Lord ſhall inherit the earth, their inheritance ſhall be for ever: they ſhall not be aſhamed in the evil time; They ſhall inherit the earth, and delight themſelves in the abundance of peace. Pſal.* 112. 3, *Wealth and riches ſhall be in his houſe.*

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Job 22. 23, 24, *Thou shalt be built up, thou shalt lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brook.* Ver. 25, *Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver.*

Gen. 15. 1. *I am thy exceeding great reward.* Feareſt thou the loſs of thy land? apply, *Thou ſhalt inherit the earth, their inheritance ſhall be for ever. Thou ſhalt poſſeſs the earth.* Do others trouble thee? apply, *They ſhall have their delight in the multitude of peace.* Art thou poor, or feareſt the loſs of thy goods? apply, *Riches and treaſure ſhall be in his houſe.* Art thou oppreſſed by the wicked? apply, *The Almighty ſhall be thy defence.*

The LXXX. LEGACY.

When thou haſt loſt bleſſings by ſin.

WHen thou haſt loſt bleſſings by ſin; apply theſe Promiſes for their recovery; *Joel 2. 24, 25, 26. The floors*

floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oyl, and I will restore to you the years the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, the caterpillar, and the palmerworm: and ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the Lord. Deut. 30. 5, *I will multiply you above your fathers.*

The LXXXI. LEGACY.

If thou feareſt the loſs of thy good Name.

IF thou feareſt the loſs of thy good Name; apply, *Job* 5. 21, *Thou ſhalt be hid from the ſcourge of the tongue.* Job 11. 15. *Thou ſhalt lift up thy face without ſpot.* Pſal. 37. 6, *He ſhall bring forth thy righteouſneſs as the light, and thy judgment as the noon-day.* Prov. 10. 7, *The memory of the juſt is bleſſed.*

Feareſt thou the wicked will take away thy good name? apply, *Thou ſhalt be hid from the ſcourge of the tongue.* Caſt

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they blots upon thee? apply, *Thou shalt lift up thy face without spot.* Seek they to darken the light of thy holy life? apply, *He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noon-day.*

The LXXXII. LEGACY.

If the World despise thee, &c.

IF the World despise thee, comfort thy self with these Promises, *Exod.* 19. 5, *Ye shall be Gods peculiar treasure above all people.* 1 Sam. 2. 30, *Those that honour me, will I honour, saith the Lord.* Psal. 91. 14, *I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.* Psal. 112. 9, *His Horn shall be exalted with honour.* Joh. 12. 26, *If any man serve me, him will my Father honour.* Prov. 4. 7, 8, 9, *Get wisdom, exalt her, and she shall promote thee; she shall bring thee to honour when thou dost embrace her; she shall give to thine head an ornament of grace, a crown*

glory shall she deliver to thee.

When the World counts thee as the off-scouring of the world, vile, nought-worth; apply, *He shall be Gods chief treasure above all people.* Doth the World debase thee? apply, *The Lord will exalt thee: The Father will honour him.*

The LXXXIII. LEGACY.

When thou art in want for soul or body.

WHen thou art in any want for soul or body; apply, *Psal.* 34. 9, 10. *There is no want to them that fear him. The young Lions do lack and suffer hunger, but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.* Psal. 84. 11. *No good thing will he with-hold from them that walk uprightly.* Mat. 6. 33. *Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all things shall be added unto you.* Art thou troubled with distracting cares for outward things? apply,

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Seek the Kingdom of Heaven & his Righteousness, and all other things shall be cast upon you. Feareſt thou that thou ſhalt be over-preſſed with want? apply, *Thoſe that ſeek the Lord ſhall want no good thing. No good thing will he with-hold from them that walk uprightly.*

The LXXXIV. LEGACY.

In liberal giving.

IN liberal giving apply theſe promiſes. *Prov.* 11. 25, *The liberal ſoul ſhall be made fat, and he that watereth, ſhall be watered alſo himſelf.*

Prov. 19. 17, *He that hath pity on the poor, lendeth to the Lord: and that which he hath given, will he pay him again.*

Mat. 6. 4, *Give in ſecret, and thy Father himſelf ſhall reward thee openly.* 2 Cor. 9. 6, 10, 11, *He which ſoweth bountifully, ſhall reap bountifully. He that miniſtreth ſeed to the ſower, doth miniſter bread for your food, and multiply your ſeed*

seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness, being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness.

Isa. 58. 10, 11, *If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfie the afflicted soul, then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon-day.*

And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfie thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones, and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of waters, whose waters fail not.

When thou giveſt to the people of God, and intreateſt them kindly; apply *Mat.* 10. 41, 42, *He that receiveth a Prophet in the name of a Prophet, shall receive a Prophets reward: and he that receiveth a righteous man, in the name of a righteous man, shall receive a righteous mans reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a Disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.*

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The LXXXV. LEGACY.

If ſickneſs be among us.

IF ſickneſs be among us; apply, *Exod.* 23. 52, *I will take ſickneſs away from the midſt of thee.*

Pſal. 43. 3, *The Lord will ſtrengthen him upon the bed of languiſhing; thou wilt make all his bed in his ſickneſs.*

Deut. 7. 15, *And the Lord will take away from thee all ſickneſs, and will put none of the evil diſeaſes of Egypt upon thee.*

If the plague be among us; apply Pſal. 91. 3, 6, 7, *Surely he ſhall deliver thee from the noiſome peſtilence. Thou ſhalt not be afraid of the peſtilence that walketh in darkneſs; nor for the deſtruction that waſteth at noon day. A thouſand ſhall fall at thy ſide, and ten thouſand at thy right hand: but it ſhall not come nigh thee.*

Art thou ſick? apply, *The Lord will ſtrengthen him upon the bed of ſorrow*

thou wilt make all his bed in ſickneſs.

Art thou there where the ſick are? apply, *I will take away all ſickneſs from the midſt of thee.*

Feareſt thou the peſtilence? apply, *I will deliver thee from the noiſome peſtilence.*

The LXXXVI. LEGACY.

If thou feareſt Death.

If thou feareſt death, apply, *Iſa.* 57. 2. *He ſhall enter into peace, they ſhall reſt in their beds.* None fears to go to bed, when they know they ſhall reſt being weary; this reſting is more ſure and laſting for ever. *Rom.* 8. 11. *He that raiſed up Chriſt from the dead ſhall quicken our mortal bodies.* Therefore you muſt think of it but as a better life given by the Spirit of God.

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The LXXXVII. LEGACY.

If thou feareſt untimely death.

IF thou feareſt untimely death: apply *Job* 5.26, *Thou ſhalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a ſhock of corn cometh in, in his ſeaſon.* Exod. 23.26, *The number of thy daies will I fulfill.* Pſal. 19, 10, *With long life will I ſatisfie him, and ſhew him my ſalvation.* Pſal. 41. 2, *The Lord will preſerve him and keep him alive, and he ſhall be bleſſed upon the earth.*

Haſt thou many enemies, and feareſt the loſs of thy life by them? apply, *The number of thy daies will I fulfill:* The Lord will preſerve him and keep him alive, therefore man cannot ſhorten it one day.

Feareſt thou that thou ſhalt either live too long, or die too ſoon? apply, *Thou ſhalt go to thy grave in a full age, as a rick of corn cometh in due ſeaſon into the barn.*

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The LXXXVIII. LEGACY.

If thou feareſt hurt by any of the creatures.

IF thou feareſt hurt by any of the creatures; apply, *Gen.* 9. 2, *The fear of you, and the dread of you, ſhall be upon every beaſt of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all the fiſhes of the ſea, into your hand are they delivered.* Job 5. 23, *Thou ſhalt be in league with the ſtones of the field: and the beaſts of the field ſhall be at peace with thee.*

The LXXXIX. LEGACY.

When thou haſt a troubled heart.

WHen thine heart is troubled either for ſoul or body; apply, *Phil.* 4. 7, *The God of peace which paſſeth all underſtanding, ſhall keep your hearts and minds.* Pſal. 29. 11, *The Lord*

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Lord will bless his people with peace.

Is thine heart troubled with many temptations of Satan, or with fears of sin and misery? apply, *The peace of God shall preserve your hearts.* Hast thou many troubles outwardly? apply, *The Lord shall bless his people with peace.*

The XC. LEGACY.

If thou wouldst have thy purposes to prosper.

IF thou wouldst have thy purposes to prosper; apply, *Job* 22. 28, *Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.*

Psal. 1. 3, *Whatsoever he doth shall prosper.* Psal. 37. 5, *Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass.*

When thou often purposest to good both for thy soul and body,

yet findeſt thy purpoſes broken; apply, *Thou ſhalt decree a thing, and the Lord ſhall ſtabliſh it unto thee. He ſhall bring it to paſs.* When thou art in doing any thing; apply, *Whatſoever he doth, it ſhall proſper.*

The XCI. LEGACY.

When thou art called to a great Work.

WHen thou art called to a great Work, wherein thou ſhalt have great oppoſition; apply, *Deut.* 31. 8, *The Lord, he it is that doth go before thee, he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forſake thee: fear not, neither be diſmayed.* 2 Chron. 16. 9, *The Lord will ſhew himſelf ſtrong in the behalf of them whoſe heart is perfect towards him.* Pſal. 91. 11, 12, 13, *He ſhall give his Angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all his ways. They ſhall bear thee up in their hands, leſt thou daſh thy foot againſt*

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he will eaſily beat them down: no
what ſtrength reſiſt ſuch, as he ha
promiſed to ſhew his ſtrength for; no
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fear not the iſſue, being ſtrengthne
by the promiſes of Him that neve
faileth his.

The XCII. LEGACY.

In times of danger.

IN the time of danger; apply, 1 Sa
2. 9, *The Lord will keep the feet o*
his Saints. Prov. 1. 33, *Whoſo hearke*
eth unto me ſhall dwell ſafely, and ſha
be quiet from fear of evil. Job 11.

Thou shalt be secure, because there hope; yea, thou shalt dig about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety; also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid. Psal. 125. 1, 2, They which trust in the Lord, shall be as mount Sion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people, from henceforth even for ever.

Psal. 121. 3, 4, 5, He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel, will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. Seeing the Lord is our keeper, we need not fear the danger.

The XCIII. LEGACY.

When thou art in great trouble, &c.

WHen thou art in great trouble; apply, *Isa.* 43. 2, *When thou*

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passest through the waters, I will be w
thee, and through the Rivers, they s
not overflow thee: when thou wal
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neither shall the flames kindle upon t
verſ. 20. *I will give waters in the w*
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drink to my people, my chosen. Psal.
6, 7. *Surely in the floods of great w*
ters they shall not come nigh unto
Thou art my hiding-place, thou shalt
serve me from trouble; thou shalt c
pass me about with songs of deliver

When thou seest thy self compa
with many troubles, and beginnes
fear, apply, *I will be with thee,*
shall not overflow thee. In the fire o
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be upon them, but he will compass them
about with songs of deliverance. T

The XCIV. LEGACY.

When thou seemest to be forgotten in affliction.

WHen thou seemest to be forgotten in affliction, apply, *Psal.* 9. 9, *The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. For the needy shall not alway be forgotten, the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.*

Isa. 48, 50, *Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the Son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will not I forget thee.* Psal. 130. 9, *He will not always chide, neither will he keep his anger for ever.* Lam. 3. 31, 32, *The Lord will not cast off for ever. But though he cause grief, yet he will have compassion, according to the multitude of his mercies.*

The XCV. LEGACY.

When thou feareſt to die in miſery.

WHen thou feareſt thou ſhalt end thy days in miſery; apply, Job 36. 11, *They ſhall ſpend their days in proſperity, and their years in pleaſures.*

The XCVI. LEGACY.

When thy ſorrows grow great.

WHen thy ſorrows grow great, apply, Job 11. 16, *Thou ſhalt forget thy miſery, and remember it as waters that paſs away.* Job. 8. 20, 21, *Behold, God will not caſt away a perfect man, till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoycing.* Pſal. 27. 14, *Be of good courage, and he ſhall ſtrengthen thy heart.* Pſal. 112. 4, *Unto the upright there ariſeth light in darkneſs.* Pſal. 126. 5, 6, *They that ſow in*

ears shall reap in joy; He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoycing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Prov. 10. 28, *The hope of the righteous shall be gladness.*

Mat. 5. 4, *Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

Joh. 16. 22, *Ye now have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your hearts shall rejoyce; and your joy no man taketh from you.*

Hath sorrow taken deep root in thy soul, that thou fearest thou shalt never find hearty joy? apply, *He shall comfort thine heart.* Is such a cross upon thee, that thou fearest thou shalt never forget it? apply, *Thou shalt forget thy misery, as waters that pass away.*

The XCVII. LEGACY.

When thou knowest no way out of misery for soul or body.

WHen thou art in such an estate as thou knowest no way out of misery, either for soul or body, or both, apply, *Jer.* 33. 3, *Call unto me and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not.*

The XCVIII. LEGACY.

If thou wouldst have deliverance out of trouble.

IF thou wouldst have deliverance out of trouble; apply, *Psal.* 149. 4, *He will beautifie the meek with salvation*; or, He will make the meek glorious by deliverance.

Psal. 34. 17, 19, *The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them*

of all their troubles. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. Job 5.17, 18, 19, *Happy is the man whom God correcteth, for he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole. He shall deliver thee in six troubles, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.* Psal. 50.15, *Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorifie me.*

When thou art in many troubles, and fearest thou shalt never get out of all; apply, *The Lord will deliver thee out of all.* If the Lord hath delivered thee once or twice, and thou feareſt he will not continue ſo ſtill; as often as thou fallest into troubles, apply, *He ſhall deliver thee in ſix troubles, and the ſeventh it ſhall not touch thee.*

The XCIX. LEGACY.

If thine enemies prevail.

WHen thy enemies prevail; apply *Psal.* 125. 3, *The rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.* Psal. 18. 3, *I will call upon the Lord: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.* 1 Sam. 2. 10, *The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces: the eyes of the wicked shall fail, their refuge shall perish: their hope shall be sorrow of mind.* Job 11. 20. Deut. 28. 7, *The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face.*

Seest thou many to rise up to trouble thee? apply, *Thine enemies that rise up against thee, shall fall before thy face.* Hope they to prevail against thee? apply, *their hope shall be sorrow of mind*: Have they great means to cause them to prosper? apply, *Their refuge shall perish.* Have they long oppressed thee? apply, *The rod*

rod of the wicked shall not always rest upon the lot of the righteous. Seest thou no means to get from them? say with the Prophet *David, I will call upon the Lord, so shall I be safe from mine enemies.*

The C. LEGACY.

That thou mayest be delivered, and thine enemies afflicted.

THat thou mayest be delivered, and thine enemies afflicted in thy stead, apply, *Deut.* 30. 7, *The Lord thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecute thee.* Prov. 21. 18, *The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.*

The CI. LEGACY.

If thou wouldest have thine enemies destroyed, &c.

IF thou wouldest have thine enemies destroyed; apply, *Job* 8. 22, *They that hate thee, shall be cloathed with shame, and the dwelling-place of the wicked shall come to nought.*

Isa. 41. 11, 13, 15, *Behold, all they which were incensed against thee, shall be ashamed and confounded, they shall be as nothing, and they that strive with thee shall perish: for I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not, I will help thee. Thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff:* by which mountains and hils is meant the greatest enemies, 1 *Sam.* 2. 30, *They that despise me, shall be lightly esteemed.* These promises are to be applied by us, as they are the enemies of God and his Gospel, and ours for his sake.

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The CII. LEGACY.

If the wicked plot against thee.

IF the wicked plot against thee; apply, *Psal.* 37. 12, *The wicked plot against the just, their sword shall enter into their own heart, their bow shall be broken. The Lord shall laugh at him.* Isa. 54. 15, *The enemies shall surely gather themselves together against thee, but not by me; whosoever shall gather themselves together against thee, shall fall.*

The CIII. LEGACY.

In the troubles of the Church.

IN the troubles of the Church; apply, *Psal.* 128. 6, *Thou shalt see peace upon Israel.* vers. 5, *Thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.* Jer. 31. 12, *Thou shalt come and sing in the height of Sion:* when thou

thou haſt applied the promiſes, and uſed all the means, and yet findeſt not thy ſelf filled with God, as thou deſireſt, then comfort thy ſelf with this, *Yet a little while, and when thou awakeſt thou ſhalt be ſatisfied with his image*, Pſal. 17. 15.

The CIV. LEGACY.

For the fall of Antichriſt.

BEcauſe the time draweth near of the fall of Antichriſt, we muſt ſtir up our ſelves to haſten the Lord by earneſt prayers; and for the ſtrengthening of our faith, apply theſe promiſes, *Revel.* 17. 16, *And the ten Horns which thou ſaweſt upon the Beaſt, theſe ſhall hate the Whore, and ſhall make her deſolate and naked, and ſhall eat her fleſh, and ſhall burn her with fire.* Rev. 18. 8, 21, *Therefore ſhall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine, and ſhe ſhall be utterly burnt with fire,*

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for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her: and a mighty angel took up a stone, like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. Even so come Lord Jesus, and hasten this happy day.

The CV. LEGACY.

For the calling of the Jews.

SEeing the Lord hath promised many glorious things to the *Jews*, with much grace and peace both to the *Jews* and Gentiles at their conversion; when the Ten Tribes shall be re-united to the Two, which never yet was; let us never give him rest till he set up *Jerusalem* the praise of the world: and for the strengthening of us in prayer, apply these promises, *Ezek.* 37. 21, 22, *Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whi-*

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ther they be gone; and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: and I will make them one Nation, in the land upon the mountains of Israel: and one King shall be King to them all, & they shall be no more two Nations, neither shall they be divided into two Kingdoms any more at all. Jer. 3, 18, In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the North to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers. Isa. 60. 2, 3, 4, 5, 15, 16, The Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and Kings to the brightness of thy rising; thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side: then thou shalt see and flow together, and thine heart shall fear and be enlarged, because the Sea shall be converted unto thee: the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations: Thou shalt also suck

the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breasts of Kings. Isa. 62. 2, 3, 49. The Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all Kings thy glory; and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name; thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Isa. 61. 4, 5, 6. They shall build the old wasts; they shall raise up the former desolations, they shal repair the wast cities, the desolations of many generations; And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plough-men, and your vine-dresser: but ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord, men shall call you the ministers of our God: ye shal eat the riches of the Gentiles & in their glory shall you boast your selves. Isa. 48. 12. Thus saith the Lord: Behold, I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people, and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, & thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders, and Kings shall be thy nursing Fathers, and their Queens thy nursing Mothers, and they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet.

A Postscript sent from the Author.

THese Promises I have observed; many more there be of most excellent use: but because they need opening for the understanding of them, I would not set them down, lest through the shallowness of my understanding I should wrong the precious Promises: but I picked out the most plain, and those that I found of continual use for soul and body, which I have found much good by: for the Promises are our Legacies bequeathed to us in the Will of our Father; and we are to claim them, as we stand in need of any of them. And surely that God which would not have children wronged in that which is bequeathed to them in the Will of their Fathers, much less will he with-hold that which his Son hath bequeathed to us in his last Will, which he sealed with his blood. Therefore let us sue for them; for he saith, he will be sought to perform them to us. And when thou applieſt any promise, look unto the condition, and labour to keep it, and doubt not of the performance of what is promised, for he is both able & faithful that hath promised.

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PROMISE I.

That God hath freely loved his Elect in Christ Jesus.

I Will be gracious to whom I will be gracious: and I will shew mercy, on whom I will shew mercy, Exod. 33. 19.

I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgression for mine own sake, Isa. 43. 25.

I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions, Isa. 44. 22.

I will heal their back-slidings: I will love them freely, Hos. 14. 4.

II.

That God hath given Christ to death for his Elect.

I will put enmity between thee and the woman:

woman, it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel, Gen. 3. 15.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, Isa. 53. 5.

When he shall make his soul an offering for sin, ver. 10.

He was numbred with the transgressors and bare the sins of many. ver. 12.

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people to finish transgressions, and to make an end of sin, Dan. 9. 24.

III.

That we are freely justified by Jesus Christ.

So by the obedience of one, many shall be made righteous, Rom. 5. 19.

And are justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, Rom. 3. 24.

By his knowledg shall my righteous servant justifie many, Isa. 53. 11.

That

IV.

That God hath made a Covenant with his Children to be their God.

I will eſtabliſh my Covenant between me and thee, and thy ſeed after thee in their generations for an everlaſting Covenant; to be a God unto thee and to thy ſeed after thee, Gen. 17. 19.

I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you ſhall be my people, Lev. 26. 26.

With great and eternal mercies will I gather thee, Iſa. 54. 7.

I will be their God, and they ſhall be my people, Jer. 31. 33.

I will ſay to them, Thou art my people; and they ſhall ſay, Thou art my God, Hoſ. 2. 23.

V.

That God will call his Children to the knowledg of his Truth.

The meek will he teach his way. Pſal.

I will

I will instruct thee, and teach thee in all the way that thou shalt go, Psal. 32. 8.

All thy Children shall be taught of the Lord, Isa. 54. 13.

For they shall all know me from the least of them to the greatest, saith the Lord, Jer. 31. 34.

I am the Lord thy God, which teacheth thee to profit, and leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go, Isa. 48. 17.

VI.

That God will give his Spirit unto his Children.

I will pour out my Spirit upon you, Prov. 1. 23.

I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, Isa. 44. 3.

I will put my Spirit within you, Ezek. 36. 27.

I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, Joel 2. 28.

I will pour upon the house of David the Spirit, Zech. 12. 10.

I will

I will pray unto the Father, and he shall give you even the spirit of Truth, Joh. 14. 16, 17.

VII.

That God will cause his Children to trust in him by Faith.

Many shall see it and fear, and shall trust in the Lord, Psal. 40. 3.

Under his wings shalt thou trust, Psal. 91. 4.

On my arms shall they trust, Isa. 51. 1.

The just shall live by his faith, Hab. 2. 4.

They shall trust in the name of the Lord, Zech. 13. 12.

In his name shall the Gentiles trust, Mat. 12. 21.

VIII.

That God will give his Children an humble and broken heart.

I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh, Ezek. 11. 19.

I will

I will pour on them the spirit of supplication: and they shall mourn for him as one mourneth for his only son, Zach. 12. 10.

Every mountain and hill shall be brought low, Luk. 3. 5.

The Lord thy God will circumcise thy heart, Deut. 30. 6.

IX.

That Gods Children shall have power to mortifie and overcome sin.

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under the Law, but under Grace, Rom. 9. 12.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be cleansed from all your filthiness, Ezek. 36. 25.

He will subdue our iniquities, Micah 7. 19.

Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, Joh. 15. 2.

That

X.

That the Children of God ſhall live a holy and ſanctified life.

He ſhall be like a tree that bringeth forth fruit in his ſeaſon, Pſal. 1. 3.

I will put my Law into their inward parts, Jer. 31. 33.

The ſent thereof ſhall be as the wine of Lebanon, Hoſ. 14. 7.

For their ſakes ſanctifie I my ſelf, that they may be ſanctified through the Truth, Joh. 17. 19.

In holineſs and righteouſneſs all the days of our lives, Luk. 1. 75.

The Lord of peace ſanctifie you throughout, 1 Theſ. 5. 23.

Faithful is he that hath promiſed you, Verſ. 24.

XI.

They that love God.

I will circumciſe thy heart, and the heart of thy ſeed, to love the Lord thy God with

all thy heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live, Deut. 30. 6.

XII.

That God will give his Children hearts to delight in all his holy Ordinances.

With gladness and rejoycing shall they be brought: They shall enter into the Kings Palace, Psal. 45. 15.

Therefore with joy shall they draw waters out of the wells of Salvation, Isa. 12. 3.

And in this mountain shall the Lord of Hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, 25. 26.

Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer, 56. 7.

Ye shall be born upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees, 66. 12.

So will I comfort you, and ye shall be comforted, 13.

And when you see this, your hearts shall be comforted, 14.

The feast of the tenth month shall be unto the house of Judah joy and gladness, and chearful Feasts, Zach. 8. 19. That

XIII.
That God will give his Children hearts to fear and serve him.

They shall sanctifie my name, and sanctifie the holiness of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel, Isa. 29. 23.

They shall serve the Lord their God, and David their King, Jer. 30. 9.

That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, Luk. 1. 74.

XIV.
That God will give his Children hearts to seek him by prayer.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him, Psal. 91. 15.

Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall pray unto me, and I will hear you, Jer. 26. 12.

And ye shall seek me and find me: search for me with all your hearts, 13.

I will pour upon the house of David

and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of Grace and of Supplication, Zach. 12. 10.

That God will give his Children a heart to fear and serve him.

That God will hear the Prayers of his Children.

Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee, Psal. 50. 15.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him, 91. 15.

He will hear their cry, and will save them, 145. 19.

Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer, Isa. 58. 9.

Before they call, I will answer; and while they are speaking, I will hear, 65. 24.

Ye shall seek me, and shall find me, when you shall seek me, I will be found of you, Jer. 29. 13.

Ye shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you, Joh. 15. 7.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; Mat. 7. 7.

Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing ye shall receive, Mat. 21. 22. That

XVI.

That we may persevere in Grace.

They shall bring forth fruit in their old age, Psal. 21. 14.

His leaf shall not wither, v. 2.

The Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfie thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered Garden, and like a spring whose waters fail not, Isa. 58. 11.

XVII.

That God will give unto his Children the good things of this life.

But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace, Psal. 37. 11.

There is no want to them that fear him, Psal. 34. 11.

They that seek the Lord, shall not want any good thing, v. 10.

No good thing shall he withhold from them that walk uprightly, Psal. 84. 11.

XVIII.

That God will guide his Children by his special providence in all their ways.

I will not leave thee nor forsake thee, Heb. 13. 15.

Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble, Prov. 3. 23.

For the Lord shall be thy confidence, 26.

He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in thy ways, Psal. 91. 11.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, 121. 8.

And even to your old age I am he, and even to hoar hairs will I carry you, Isa. 46. 4.

XIX.

That God will bless those which are diligent in their Calling.

The Lord will command the blessing upon thee in all thou settest thy hand unto, Deut. 28. 8.

Thou shalt eat the labours of thy hand,

happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee, Psal. 128. 2.

The hand of the diligent maketh rich, Prov. 10. 4.

He that tilleth his land, shall be satisfied with bread, 12. 11.

XX.

That God will bless those that keep his Sabbaths.

Blessed is the man that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, Isa. 56. 2.

If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing my pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, 58. 3.

Then shall, &c. 14.

Then this city shall remain for ever, Jer. 17. 24, 25.

XXI.

That God will reward those that are fruitful in good works.

He hath given to the poor: his right-

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ousness endureth for ever, Psal. 112. 9.

The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth, shall be watered also himself, Prov. 11. 25.

Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase, Prov. 3. 9.

So shall thy barns be filled with plenty: and thy presses shall burst with new wine, 10.

He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed: for he giveth of his bread to the poor, Prov. 22. 9.

He that giveth to the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eye shall have many a curse, Prov. 28. 27.

Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days, Eccl. 11. 1.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy, Mat. 5. 7.

Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water, he shall in no wise lose his reward, Mat. 10. 42.

Then shall the King say to them on his right hand, Come ye blessed of my Father inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 25. 34.

That

XXII.

That we shall receive good by the society of the faithful.

He that walketh with wise men, shall be wise, Prov. 13. 20.

Then they that feared the Lord, spake often one to another: and he hearkned and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared the Lord and thought upon his Name, Mal. 3. 16.

And they shall be mine, saith the Lord God of Hosts, in that day when I make up my Jewels, and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him, 17.

For where two or three be gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them, Mat. 18. 20.

XXIII.

That God will keep afflictions from his Children, as it may be for their good.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, Ps. 121. 7.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth and for evermore.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his Truth shall be thy Shield and Buckler, Psal. 91.4.

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come near thy dwelling, 10.

As the mountains are about Jerusalem, so is the Lord about his people for ever, Psal. 115.2.

XXIV.

That otherwise God will be with, preserve, and keep his Children in afflictions, that they hurt them not.

In all their afflictions, he was afflicted, and the Angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them, and he bare them and carried them all the days of old, Isa. 63.9.

They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, and in the days of famine they shall

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be satisfied, Psal. 37. 19. *He is their strength in the time of trouble*, 39. *The Lord shall help and deliver them from the wicked, and save them because they trust in him*, 40. *Fear thou not, for I am with thee, be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*

Fear not, thou worm Jacob: I will help thee, saith the Lord God, and thy Redeemer the holy one of Israel, 14.

When thou passest through the water, I will be with thee, and through the Rivers that they shall not overflow thee. When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burnt: neither shall the flames kindle upon thee, Isa. 43. 2.

XXV.

That God will deliver his Children out of afflictions in his due time.

He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence, Psal. 91. 3.

I will

I will be with him in trouble: I will deliver him and honour him, 15.

Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them out of them all, Psal. 34. 19.

Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee, Psal. 50. 15.

I will restore health unto thee: I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord, Jer. 30. 17.

I will deliver thee in that day, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, Jer. 39. 18. Joh. 3. 19.

XXVI.

That God will sanctifie all afflictions for the good of his people.

I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin, Isa. 1. 25.

By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged, and this is all the fruit, to take away his sin, Isa. 27. 9.

And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge and make them white, Dan. 11. 35.

Many

Many shall be purified and made white, and tried, Dan. 12. 10.

And I will bring the third part through the fire: and I will refine them, as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tryed, they shall call on my name, and I will hear them, Zach. 13. 9.

XXVI.

That God in his own time will subdue all the enemies of his Church.

I will subdue all thy enemies, 2 Chron. 17.

I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the King of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks, Isa. 10. 12.

Therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips: and I will turn thee back by the way which thou camest, Isa. 37. 29.

For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, Psal. 37. 17.

I am against thee O Gog, Ezek. 39. 1.

And I will turn thee back, 2.

And then shall that wicked be revealed whom

whom the Lord shall consume with the Spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming, 2 Thess. 2. 8.

And the ten horns, these shall hate the Whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire, Rev. 17. 6.

I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and I will cause thy arrows to fall out of thy right hand, Ezek. 39. 3.

XXVIII.

That the Children of God shall die happily.

They shall come to the grave in a full age: like as a shock of Corn cometh in his season, Job 5. 26.

He shall go in peace, they shall rest in their beds: each one walking in his uprightness, Isa. 57. 1.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace, Psal. 37. 37.

That

XXIX.

That the just shall be raised unto eternal life.

I will ransom them from the power of the grave: I will redeem them from death. O death, I will be thy plague: O grave, I will be thy destruction, Hos. 13. 14.

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake to everlasting life, and some to shame, Dan. 12. 2.

All that are in the graves shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the Resurrection of life, Joh. 5. 29.

I will raise him up at the last day, 6. 40.

He that raised the Lord Jesus, shall raise us up also by Jesus, 2 Cor. 4. 14.

When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye appear with him in glory, Col. 3. 4.

XXX.

That God will reward the labours of the righteous, in the life to come.

Rejoice and be glad; for great is your reward in heaven, Mat. 5. 12. *Who-*

Whosoever shall forsake houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for my Names sake, he shall receive an hundred fold more, and shall inherit everlasting life, Mat. 19. 29.

Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit ye the Kingdom prepared for you before the foundation of the world, Mat. 25. 34.

Thou shalt be recompenced at the resurrection of the just, Luk. 14. 14.

He that overcometh, shall inherit all things, Rev. 21. 7.

XXXI.

That God will make good, and perform all that he hath promised.

And I will perform the Oath which I sware unto Abraham thy Father, Gen. 26. 3.

Know therefore that the Lord thy God he is God; the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him, Deut. 7. 9.

Blessed be the Lord that hath given rest unto his people; there hath not failed one word

word of all his good promises which he promised, 1 King. 8. 56.

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips, Psal. 89. 34.

Thus saith the Lord, If you can break my Covenant of the day, and my Covenant of the night, that there should not be day and night in their season, Jer. 33. 20.

Then may also my Covenant be broken, 21.

For all the promises of God in him are Yea, and in him Amen, 2 Cor. 1. 20.

1. Give

1. Give me understanding and I shall keep thy Word: yea, I will observe it with my whole heart, *Psal.* 119. 34.

Deal with thy servant according to thy mercies, and teach me thy statutes, *Psal.* 119. 124.

2. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! *Psal.* 119. 103.

What shall I render unto the *Lord* for all his benefits towards me? *Psal.* 116. 12.

3. Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O Lord, according to thy loving-kindness, *Psal.* 119. 159.

With my whole heart have I sought thee, O let me not wander from thy Commandments! *Psal.* 119. 10.

4. For ever, O Lord, thy word is setled in heaven: thy faithfulness is unto all generations, *Psal.* 113. 9.

Plead my cause and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word, *Psal.* 119. 154.

5. Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth, *Ps.* 135. 6.

Make me to understand the way of thy

thy precepts, ſo ſhall I talk of thy wonderous works, *Pſal.* 11. 27.

6. Remember thy word unto thy ſervant, upon which thou haſt cauſed me to hope, *Pſal.* 119. 49.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high? *Pſal.* 113. 5.

7. Incline my heart unto thy Teſtimonies, and not to covetouſneſs, *Pſal.* 119. 36.

When my ſpirit was overwhelmed within me, thou knewеſt my paths, *Pſal.*

8. My ſoul is continually in my hand, yet do I not forget thy Law, *Pſal.* 119. 109.

Stabliſh thy word unto thy ſervant, who is devoted to thy fear, *Pſal.* 119. 38.

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A POSTSCRIPT TO ALL TRUE BELIEVERS.

Gracious Believers,

KNowing you to be the only He[illegible] of those rich and precious Pro[illegible]ses which it hath pleased our graci[illegible] Father freely to give unto his belo[illegible] Children: I have presumed without yo[illegible] knowledg, to bequeath unto you a fa[illegible]therless child, brought forth into th[illegible] world without the Parents knowledg[illegible] hoping you will not be unwilling to le[illegible] it pass under your favourable protection. For the subject matter of it, it is very beautiful, and of such use, as no child of God can pass to Heaven without it; and in that regard, it shall be no shame unto you whom the Lord hath honoured with

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the grace of believing, to accept of this
small Treatise, from one that desires your
prospering in your souls and bodies.
There is no blemish in this that I dedi-
cate unto you, but such as came by the
hands of the unskilful bringers forth of
it, which only minded their own good
in it. And weighing daily the beauty of
it, and the sweet refreshing strength
which flowed from it, for the overcom-
ing of those three deadly enemies, the
Devil, Sin, and the World, they desi-
red that God would be pleased to move
the minds of some of his most skilful
workmen, to put to their hands, to
frame a more perfect work upon so per-
fect a subject, and to give a more come-
ly form to this so beautiful a subject; and
till then, they intended to smother in
their bosoms the beauty of this, rather
than to bring it forth with the blemishes
of their unskilfulness. But the good that
may be gained by it, being unutter-
able, I hope grace in the hearts of Gods
people will cause them, like the Bee, to
suck out the sweet and nourishing ver-
tue of these fragrant flowers that grow

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here and there in the Garden of God's Word, and not with discontent to cast away this pleasant poesie, gathered out of the Coelestial Eden of the Sacred Scriptures, because an unskilful hand, and indeed unworthy, hath bound it together, not so orderly as might please the curious eye of man, nor their own, neither was it their aim so to do. If any gain any good by it, the gatherers of these sweet flowers together, neither deserve nor desire thanks for they intended it to none, but to themselves and some private friends, whose opportunity wrung some copies from them, and now without their consent have published it. And now, since it is published and cannot be stopped, the Lord cause it to work in all his, according to that which he hath given the Promises for, to work in the hearts of his people, even to make them partakers of the Divine nature, 2 Pet. 1. 4. And as a means to make thee so, take every day a little poesie from the rest, out of the Promises gathered together, and apply it to thy self, see how thou

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standest in need of it, and every word in it, and then apply it to thy self by Faith, and let it stir thee up to go to God in prayer for the accomplishment of them unto thee: then wait in the diligent use of all means for the gaining of them; and you shall find God not only making you heirs of promises, but you shall be comfortable possessors of those many good things which God hath promised to Believers. The more you meditate, and the oftner you pray upon them, the more good will you see in them, and find flow from them: I say no more, but I doubt not but your experiences of good by these promises, will be more than I can make known unto you. I desire the God of mercies, our loving Father, in our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom all the Promises are Yea and Amen, to make you daily find experimentally, the truth of all his gracious Promises.

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